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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Lunching — Ellen Douglas enjoys lunch with her granddaughter, Melissa Douglas, at Mitchell School, during a special week of Grandparents' Days at the school. The week gave grandparents the opportunity to visit students during the school's lunch and recess periods.

Bi-State plan attacked

Bus riders say proposal would cause problems

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Local residents who commute to downtown St. Louis via bus say a plan by the Bi-State Development Agency to eliminate the McKinley Bridge route Nov. 27 is a turkey.

Most of the 40 area residents attending a public meeting on the plan Tuesday night at the Granite City Township Hall said "no thanks" to the proposed change, citing safety concerns and inconvenience.

Bi-State is planning changes to seven Illinois bus routes to deal with potential reductions in federal funds. Bus routes to be affected

include the 530 McKinley Bridge and the 531 Pontoon Limited. The new 530, renamed the 530 Granite City-East St. Louis, would run every hour and terminate at Fifth and Missouri Street in East St. Louis across the street from a MetroLink station. It would keep the same route from Pontoon Beach and the Granite City transfer center to Venice, but it would then follow Illinois 3 to 5th and Missouri instead of utilizing the McKinley Bridge and terminating in downtown St. Louis, as it has in the past.

Most of those attending the meeting Tuesday night are regular riders of the 530 McKinley route. Marcelline Sprague was one of

many who expressed concern about the safety of the proposed new 530 route. She pointed out that there is no shelter at 5th and Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis and northbound riders would have to wait unprotected from the weather.

Cora McCullough was less concerned about weather. "The MetroLink stations — none of them are safe. (The proposed change) doesn't make sense. It's just really inconvenient," McCullough said.

Larry Kopf, deputy director of scheduling for Bi-State, said MetroLink's safety record is actually quite good.

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Murder investigation under way

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

Police identified the body of a man found Sunday outside O'Fallon as Christopher Petroff of Maryland Heights, Mo.

Petroff, 23, who grew up in Edwardsville and has relatives in Granite City, was found before 3 p.m. Sunday by a 9-year-old youth who had gone to the creek under a roadway on Bethel Road to fish.

John Betten of the Fairview

Heights Police Department, who is heading up the Major Case Squad investigation, said it took about 12 hours to identify Petroff because he had no wallet or identification papers on him when found.

"It was not unusual for him to be in the Metro East," Betten said. "He had lived here and most of his friends are still here."

Although Petroff suffered one gunshot wound, Betten would not release information about the location of the wound.

"Right now, his family is being really cooperative and we're putting together the last 24 hours of his life," he said.

A source familiar with the investigation said police were looking at a Granite City man as a suspect, but Betten said Monday afternoon that he was not aware of any such person.

"We have no suspect at this time," he said.

Police said Petroff was wearing

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Madison may help raceway

New TIF district planned

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The City of Madison has approved a resolution declaring its intent to create a tax increment financing district that would encompass the Gateway Midwest Truck Plaza and an enlarged Gateway International Raceway.

The action came at Tuesday's meeting after a presentation by racetrack officials on a \$15-20 million improvement project designed to attract National Hot Rod Association and National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing events.

Developers said they are hoping to attract one drag and four to six stock car events each year.

Architect Dave Holtgrave said the first part of the two-stage project is expected to begin in March and be ready by October 1996.

The first phase will include a new 4,000-foot drag strip and a 15,000-person permanent grandstand.

When completed, the project will include 30 VIP suites, expanded parking, garage, and other facilities.

When not being used for major races, Holtgrave said, the facility could be used by law enforcement officials for driving schools, car companies to show off new models, or other uses.

"The big success of a program like this is to keep it open all week long," he said.

Holtgrave said developers have spent

"We are now at a point where it is necessary and vital to move ahead on this.... This racetrack is expected to draw more people than the St. Louis Rams, and have a bigger economic impact."

— Alan Ortals

a lot of time talking to NHRA and NASCAR officials to see exactly what they want in a facility.

He said they were now doing a wetland study.

Alderman Norris Horton questioned what would happen to Stages nightclub. The council was told that the oval track would go over that area and the nightclub would be demolished.

Alan Ortals of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority spoke about the need for the TIF district. SWIDA had been asked by the city to develop a TIF plan for the area. The city is also considering extending its enterprise zone into the area.

"We are now at a point where it is necessary and vital to move ahead on this," he said.

Ortals said the proposed races are "big time" events.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Benefit — First Bank at 3600 Nameoki Rd. in Granite City will hold a rummage sale to benefit the Mayor's youth center on Saturday. Goods donated for the sale will be accepted until Friday. All proceeds will go to the center, and unsold goods will be donated to charity. Pictured with some of the items collected so far are, from left, bank employees Beth Dittman and Robin Thomas, Mayor Ron Selph, sale donor Stephen Putnick, bank employees Joan Achenbach and Jeannie Wilbur, and branch manager Linda Manis.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK-NewsChannel 5

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
83 63	80 59	73 55	71 51

Salute

School teachers have a tough job training about 30 children. But that task pales compared to the job held by Air Force TSgt. David A. Breeden, formerly of Madison.

A 1983 graduate of Granite City High School, Breeden is currently assigned to Yokota Air Base Japan as chief of the base education and training office serving more than 5,000 enlisted personnel. He is a teacher of teachers.

The Air Force Association "Citation of Honor" was presented to Breeden in a ceremony in Washington D.C. on Sept. 18.

Breeden and his wife Cheryl (Lenzi), formerly of Granite City, have two children: David Jr., age 10, and Kellye, age 8.



David Breeden

Perot group starts signature drive

Madison County members of Ross Perot's United We Stand America are reactivating with a statewide petition drive while a group of breakaway followers are forming a new organization.

Dan Counts, a key volunteer from United We Stand America, said volunteers are collecting signatures to put a citizens legislative and constitutional initiative on the November 1996 ballot.

The measure, if passed by a simple majority of voters, would allow citizens to initiate referendums and recalls of elected officials, as well as

New group begun, 6A

introduce legislation. It also would broaden citizens' abilities to initiate changes to the Illinois Constitution.

Counts, a Granite City resident, said the group has no specific issue in mind to place on a ballot if the citizen-initiative measure is approved, but implementing term limits could be a possibility.

"The way the initiative is written it would give the (term

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LOCAL NEWS

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Man beaten with bat

A 30-year-old Granite City man was hospitalized after being beaten over the head with a baseball bat over the weekend. The victim, a 30-year-old resident of the 1200 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, told police he was struck in the head by an aluminum baseball bat at about 5 a.m. Saturday while visiting his girlfriend, a resident of the 1000 block of Kirkpatrick Homes.

Rape under investigation

Police are investigating a report by a 25-year-old Granite City woman that she was abducted at gunpoint in the downtown Granite City area early Sunday morning, taken to Madison and raped.

Madison Police Chief Mike Skoklo and Assistant Granite City Police Chief Kip Pomeroy both said Monday the incident is under investigation.

The victim told police the suspect pulled a gun on her, drove to the rear of a shop in the 1800 block of Grand Avenue in Madison, raped the victim, pushed her out the door and drove away.

Madison joins insurance pool

The Madison School Board has approved joining an insurance pool that includes both the Granite City and Venice school districts.

At a special meeting Thursday, the Madison board voted to join the Mississippi Valley Insurance Cooperative. The district will now purchase all its insurance — except the treasurer's bond — through the co-op.

City health fund is broke

The Granite City employees' self-insurance fund is out of cash.

"We are broke," City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart told the City Council's Insurance and Safety Committee last week.

Actually, MacTaggart said, the fund is several hundred thousand dollars in debt. The committee is expected to make a recommendation to hike premiums, limit some benefits and drop a requirement for a physician referral for chiropractic care, Committee Chairman Kim Affolter said.

Development back on track

A proposed Walgreen development — which Granite City leaders consider vital to their downtown redevelopment plans — may get cooking by Jan. 1 after sitting on the back burner for four years.

The project at 20th Street and Madison Avenue has been delayed by gasoline contamination on property owned by Clark Oil Co. Clark is expected to file a remediation plan by the first of the year, paving the way for the development of a 14,000 square foot retail store.

Write Newt, Costello urges

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellevue, urged senior citizens to contact House Speaker Newt Gingrich to voice their opposition to massive cuts in Medicare and Medicaid programs for a tax cut for the wealthy.

Costello told a crowd at the Granite City Township Hall that final action on the budget will be taken in about 4-6 weeks.

Route may end river crossings

The Bi-State Development Agency's McKinley Bridge bus route would no longer use that bridge — or any bridge — under plans announced by the agency last week.

As part of the plan to deal with potential reductions in federal funds, Bi-State is proposing to end the \$30 McKinley Bridge route at a MetroLink stop in East St. Louis rather than in downtown St. Louis. The change would force passengers to ride MetroLink across the river.

GCHS student expelled
Smoke bomb incident prompts action

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A Granite City High School sophomore has been expelled from school for allegedly lighting a smoke bomb in a hallway Sept. 27, disrupting the entire school.

The Granite City school board unanimously endorsed an administration recommendation for expulsion Tuesday night. The expulsion will last for the rest of the semester.

"We are extremely pleased that the board is backing us on this," said Tom Holloway, director of secondary educa-

tion. The schools across the river are seeing a number of disciplinary problems. We are determined that's not going to happen at Granite City High School."

Principal Bill Roter said the student lit a 6-inch long, 1 1/2-inch in diameter smoke bomb in a hallway Sept. 27. A fire alarm was activated when someone saw the smoke and an alert assistant principal grabbed the smoke bomb and threw it out an open window, Roter said.

The school was evacuated for 15 to 20 minutes.

"Our concern is from the standpoint of safety, especially for asthmatics," Holloway said. "A fire drill is conducted in an orderly fashion. But when there is smoke, there is panic and the possibility of any number of things."

Under the terms of the disciplinary action taken by the board, the student will be allowed to return to school in the second semester this year on a probationary basis. But, Holloway said, if the student has any attendance or disciplinary problems, further action will be taken.

2 arrested at zoning meeting

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Two Madison men are facing felony charges stemming from an altercation at a Zoning Board hearing Monday evening.

Manuel Foschiatti, 31, of the 1800 block of Rhodes Street, and Jerry D. Sutt, 32, of the 1200 block of Iowa, were both charged with criminal damage to state supported property over \$500 — a class three felony.

The two were charged with disorderly conduct — a misdemeanor — after becoming abusive during a meeting of the Madison Zoning Board Monday evening.

The felony charge came after the two were arrested and placed in a holding cell at

the Madison police department.

The two allegedly ripped a porcelain sink off the cell wall, causing \$2,400 damage.

According to police reports, at about 7:10 p.m. Monday police received a radio call from Building Inspector Mike Foley requesting officers in the city council chambers.

When officers arrived, Foschiatti was leaving the chambers, waving his arms and cursing. Sutt was acting in a similar fashion inside the council room, authorities said.

The two were detained and arrested. Board President George Amisch said the Foschiatti had begun asking questions, and when Amisch couldn't answer them, the two became abusive.

Foley radioed for assistance when others attending the meeting started to leave.

After being arrested, the two were reportedly uncooperative and abusive.

They were placed in a holding cell, and when officers came to release them the sink was torn out.

The two were separated, and a short time later officers noticed water coming from Foschiatti's cell.

He was transported to the Venice police station until his release.

Both were released after posting \$5,000 bond. According to reports, estimates of the damage at the police station are from \$2,400 because workers will have to go through the public restroom to access the plumbing.

Microwave is blamed for fire

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

An early Monday morning fire destroyed the home of St. Louis Cardinals sports commentator and former player Mike Shannon.

Shannon's wife, Judy, and 20-year-old daughter, Erin, were in the home, off Goshen Road between Edwardsville and Marine, when the fire broke out. Both were able to escape without injury, according to authorities.

The two were able to save two vehicles from the garage before the blaze got out of control. The family's dog was also rescued.

Mike Shannon was out of town on a fishing trip at the time of the fire, but returned home after receiving the news. After initial investigation, Chief John Hess of the Marine Volunteer Fire Department said it is believed the fire

started in a microwave oven around 4:30 a.m.

"That was the hottest burn area in the house (in the kitchen),"

where the microwave was," said Hess.

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Blaze destroys building

An early morning fire destroyed an Eagle Part business Monday.

Poor Bob's, a tavern-food store located at 113 Allen St., was destroyed after a fire started in one of the back rooms and worked its way up to the attic.

No one was reported injured in the blaze.

According to police and fire reports, the fire started at about 4:30 a.m. Monday. Madison firefighters were dispatched, but could not save the building.

Chief Bob Robbins said firefighters had trouble entering the building because of heavy security doors and barred windows, and because the fire had reached the attic by the time they arrived he decided against putting firefighters on the roof.

The fire is being considered accidental.

Robbins said the cause has not been determined.

"The damage was so extensive I don't think we'll ever find out," he said.

The fire for a energy pay about 40 double the biggest Madison

Buffet Sunday

A chicken and dumpling buffet, sponsored by the Gospel Shrine 78 White Shrine of Jerusalem, will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

Donations are as follows: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages five to 12 and free for children under five years of age.

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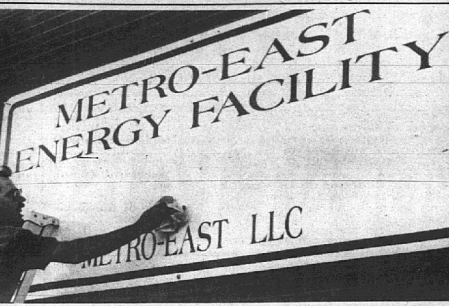
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Rick Mowery of R & M Vinyl and Graphics polishes the sign on the building housing the offices of Metro-East LLC at the corner of 5th Street and Madison Avenue in Madison.

Plant developer opens office

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

About 20 state, township and city officials were on hand early Wednesday morning for a ceremony opening the local office of Metro-East LLC.

The new office will be in the old Venice Township building, 500 Madison Ave. Developer Michael Vrtis said he plans to hire two local secretaries, and the office will be open during regular business hours.

The firm was recently given siting approval for a \$75 million wood and coal burning energy plant in Madison.

When completed, the plant will provide about 40 new full-time jobs, and will almost double the city's tax base.

"I think this is probably going to be the biggest piece of economic development for Madison in the past 50 years," said State

Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte.

"Now that the issue of siting has been cleared up and settled, its time to move on to what are the benefits of this facility here," he added. "From a tax point of view, every taxpayer in the city of Madison ought to be tickled to death."

Vrtis said the office will be used to support engineering and procurement for the development, as well as community outreach programs.

The next step is the permitting process, which includes very technical public hearings on emissions.

Vrtis said the entire permitting process will take 10-12 months, and hearings should be sometime next spring.

In a related matter, the Madison City Council approved a resolution Tuesday to allow the city to issue industrial revenue bonds for the development.

City Hall plans cause fight in Pontoon Beach

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Debate about how to create more space for city hall in Pontoon Beach and how to pay for it erupted into a shouting match Monday between Trustees Bob Vincent and Mike Macek, with Mayor Glen Wilson and Trustee Irene Karlechik joining in.

Topics covered in the argument ranged from the utility tax abolished in 1990 and reinstated in 1993 — the current state of village hall and how far the village has come, and Macek's work for the city of Madison.

The arguments started at the end of an ad hoc meeting Monday.

The board had discussed which direction to take on the village hall — whether to build an entirely new facility or expand and renovate the existing one — and had agreed to have a committee made up of Macek, Vincent, Police Chief Michael Crouch and Village Clerk Mary Rowden meet with an architect to determine costs.

During discussion there were some arguments between Macek, who supports a new facility, and Vincent and Wilson, who support renovating the present building. Trustees Bob Abel, Gus Falter and Village Clerk Mary Rowden wanted to look at figures for both plans.

After the discussion, Vincent said he resented some of

Macek's comments.

The two then started arguing about village finances.

Vincent said the village has been operating in the black, but that would not last if Macek's plan was approved. Macek shot back that if village officials had been doing their job in the past 12 years, a new village hall would have already been built.

"That's a bunch of crap," Vincent replied.

He then said the only reason the village had ever been in bad financial shape was because of the abolition of the utility tax in 1990.

Wilson, who was mayor at that time, said he didn't have a vote then and had argued against it. Karlechik, a board member at the time, said they could blame her.

Macek and Vincent continued to argue.

"If you were a board member eight years ago you should have had these facilities done instead of going back and forth and back and forth," Macek said.

Vincent argued that the village had come a "long way" in the past 10 years.

"When I first came here we were in a trailer," Vincent said.

The three then argued about Macek's work for Madison.

Recently the city approved hiring Macek — who had worked for the city before moving to Pontoon Beach — as a consultant on economic development.

Wilson and Vincent both said they "had a problem" with that.

"You ought to work for Pontoon Beach for a change," Vincent said.

After Macek said he did, Vincent said he should "live in Pontoon Beach for a change." "I resent the remark you calling this a crummy job," he continued. "We've come up head and shoulders from where we were. We did it, and we paid as we went. I'm not going to pass a tax for anybody."

Macek then said the village hall was in bad shape.

"You've got a building now that doesn't even meet life-safety codes, and it would probably take \$30-40,000 just to get it to meet that."

"It's convenient for you to pull out that \$30-40,000 when you don't know what the hell you're talking about because we talk to people too, and they said it doesn't cost that much to do that," Vincent replied.

Wilson then said that it was "a good thing we've got a man here."

"I know, he wears all hats," Vincent replied. "Next thing he's got a law degree."

At that time Trustee Bob Abel said he had another matter to talk about — that Crouch had located a part-time dispatcher.

The meeting broke up after that, but Wilson and Karlechik argued briefly about when to meet to discuss negotiations with police dispatcher.

County gets HUD grant

Madison County will receive a \$5.275 million Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The award was announced by U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, a member of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee.

Awarded annually, Community Development Block Grants finance homeowner and rental new construction and rehabilitation; water, sewer, street and other public facility improvements; housing needs projects; public services; removal of unsafe structures; and economic development.

— From the Alton Telegraph

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Business leaders will be on hand tonight as the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce conducts its 55th annual Dinner Meeting at Sunset Hills Country Club.

Among the items on the agenda are presentation of the chamber's 1995-96 officers and the annual "Citizen of Achievement" award.

Marty Hendin, vice president of marketing for the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals, will be the featured speaker.

Officers for 1995-96 are: John Fruit, president; Joe Juneau, vice president; Bob Maxwell, second vice president; Steve Signall, treasurer; and Beverly Partney, president of the women's division.

Pete Gunnell is the outgoing president.

Fruit is executive vice president for the Madison County Division of Magna Bank of Illinois. He and his wife, Carol, have two sons. He attended the University of



Fruit

Juneau

Maxwell

Signall

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Colorado and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He is active in many organizations in the community; he is a board member at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, president of the Tri-Cities Area United Way, president of the Trails West Boy Scouts of America and board member of the SIUE Foundation.

Juneau is vice president of Juneau Associates Inc. P.C., an accredited Illinois professional land surveyor. He is past president of the Granite City Rotary Club and the Southwest Chapter of the IFLSA. He continues to serve on various community boards

of directors and is a graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Maxwell is administrator for public relations at the Granite City Division of National Steel Corp. He is active in many organizations in the community, including being a member and past president of the Granite City Rotary Club, member and past chairman of the board of trustees of Belleville Area College, board member of the Tri-City Area YMCA, and member of the board and executive committee for the Tri-Cities Area United Way. He and his wife, Jean, a teacher in the Collinsville School District,

reside in Granite City.

Signall is president of Central Bank, Granite City banking centers. He is a graduate of Granite City High School, attended SIUE and is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin. He is a 27-year resident and is married to Elizabeth. They have two daughters, Sarah, 18, and Jane, 14. He is a board member of the United Way, member of Elks BPO 1063, and a member of the Granite City Board of Realtors. He is involved in the following sponsorships for the Granite City School District: high school arts program, young

authors program and athletic programs.

Partney has been an investigative assistant for the Office of Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Services, St. Louis, since 1987.

She is a lifelong resident of Granite City. She has one son, Dan. She has been active in the community for 25 years. In addition to her career, she enjoys boating, swimming, racquetball and needlepoint.

The chamber's 1995-96 Board of Directors is: Al Barnes, Mary Bender, Perry Butler, Ed Choklek, Lt. Col. Allen Chong, Harvey Cohen, Tom Colburn, Bill Donovan, Barbara DuVall, Jim Engleke, Richard Fickers, Don Highly, Charles Holbrook, Jim Holshouser, Ben Johannpeter, Harold Johnson, Virginia Lepping, Janet Mills, Walter Milton, Ray Morgan, Jim Noeth, Glenn O'Bryan, Beverly Partney, Don Partney, Larry Pirtle, Dan Rapoff, Nancy Sanders, Ron Selph, Robin Thomas, Charles Unger and Barbara Wyatt-Yust.

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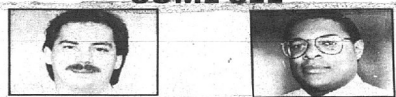
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Nominations for Best Bet can come from any community in the Granite City coverage area, including Brooklyn, Madison, Mitchell, Pontoon Beach and Venice.

To vote, call 377-7700 before 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, and ask for Dawn. She will record your vote. Please include the name of the person you think is the best pastor and the name of his or her church. Also include the city where the church is located.

The winner will be announced in the Thursday, Oct. 26, edition of the Press-Record.

In last month's Best Bet contest, for Best Chinese restaurant, Vin Hoa in the Bellemore Shopping Center took top honors.

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Time stopped for verdict

"The affairs of the world are on hold," NBC's Tom Brokaw told us a week ago Tuesday and he wasn't just whistling "Dixie."

Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia postponed a news conference at which he was expected to announce his imminent retirement.

At least one Senate committee did the same thing. London pubs and Parisian cafes were packed, as was Rockefeller Center.

For all I know, the New York Stock Exchange may have recessed.

All to hear a court clerk in Los Angeles read a finding of "Not Guilty" in the Simpson murder case and watch O.J. walk from the courtroom a free man. A matter of unimaginable global importance, right?

The lead stories in the Post-Dispatch this fateful Tuesday were, naturally, stories about the pending announcement of the jury's verdict, with a small box sidebar story announcing that the P-D would publish a special 8-page edition later in the day, an issue that was to include "news and photos on the verdict, plus analytical and background stories of the trial."

My God! When is enough going to be enough? Was I among the millions of other jerks who turned the TV on for the momentous news? I'm ashamed to say it, but yes, I was. And glad I did.

For one thing, the verdict confirmed that I'd won a small wager, made on the spot at the moment the previous evening (and that Ed had also won a bet he made about the same time).

I'm not particularly proud of betting on the outcome of criminal trials, but in honesty, wasn't the first time I'd done it. You win some, you lose some. But my batting average hasn't been bad.

Aside from the news that enabled me to pick up a small windfall, I was delighted to know that, finally, it was all over. No need for drawn-out appeals! Another cause for rejoicing came when one legal expert opined that as a result of the case, there's little likelihood that television cameras will become a fixture in the courtrooms of our land.

Probably the best news I've heard in a long time.

The question of whether O.J. actually did kill two people is now moot. The jury said he didn't and that's that. Only O.J. knows for sure — and in the event he is truly innocent, whoever the guilty party may be knows.



Carol Clarkin

Personally, I'm more concerned over the real life soap opera the media coverage turned this trial into and the signals for our population bought into the three-ring circus; and that the judge and lawyers so readily played into the hands of this coverage, turning a criminal trial into cheap entertainment.

There's going to be a monstrous gap in their days for those Simpson trial fans who have arrived at near-addiction. Where will they turn for their daily fix? The Tube? Can Oprah or Geraldo fill the gap? Will "The Young and the Restless" seem too tame compared to the honest-to-God real, live celebrities? Is it conceivable that they may actually get a life themselves?

I have a suggestion: Let them go down to the Madison County Courthouse and watch themselves on a local trial or two. Criminal trials, of course. Civil trials would be dull as dust.

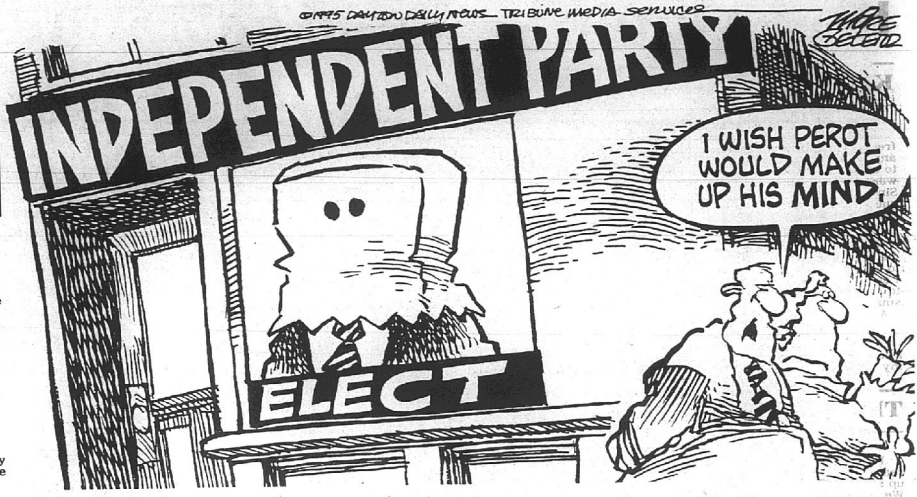
The experience might be eye-opening. Except in rare cases, there'll be nowhere near the high drama.

Madison County cases aren't likely to feature "Dream Team" attorneys, there'll be plenty of squabbling over fine points of law and oodles and oodles of time to cool one's heels during interminable recesses. Rare, indeed, are occasions of stirring oratory.

We've had exceptions to the rule, locally, (and some of them have been real doozies), but by and large, our criminal justice is a dramatic cliff-hanger.

But then, our jury trials, compared to the Simpson case, are models of dispatch.

Think about it. Any one of those younger women jurors in Los Angeles could have conceived, and delivered, a baby during the time frame of the trial. I'll bet your sombrero if our Circuit Court ever has a trial drag on that long.



O.J. jurors didn't trust evidence

O.J. Simpson was an all-America football running back. But in his year-long trial for two murders, he played "quarterback," calling most of the signals for his lawyers and investigators.

Robert Shapiro, the original defense lawyer, was miffed by his demotion. Johnnie Cochran Jr. and Barry Scheck were selected to give the closing defense argument, and the choice proved to be the right one. The jury accepted their viewpoint and acquitted the famous athlete actor.

Was it the "trial of the century," as many said it was? Yes, from the standpoint of the long television coverage and the intense public interest.

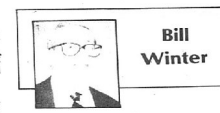
Time almost stood still Oct. 3 as 150 million Americans, and millions more overseas, paused to see and hear the "not guilty" verdict. It was the most-watched live event in history.

Let's start by focusing on why the defense won.

In his initial public comment the day after he was freed from his jail stay (June 17, 1994, to Oct. 3, 1995), Simpson cited "misrepresentation."

He said a limousine driver truthfully told of seeing a "shadowy figure" hurrying from his car away to Simpson's front door.

It was O.J., O.J. said, but he pointed out that the prosecutor



Bill Winter

described the movement as crossing his driveway, indicating he had been away from home and was returning.

An Oct. 5 broadcast of the testimony by driver Allan Park and the prosecutor's version of it verified Simpson's claim.

Park also said he "didn't see" Simpson's white Bronco at the mansion, but he did not say it was gone.

Jurors concluded the vehicle may have been there, and instead of returning home shortly before 11 p.m. June 12, the night of the murders, the Simpson may have been taking his golf clubs to the front lawn.

preparatory to his scheduled night flight from Los Angeles to Chicago for golf competition.

Lionel Crier, one of the jurors, said the jury asked Oct. 2 to hear Park's words to check how many cars were in the driveway, what was said about the presence or absence

of the Bronco, what the "shadowy figure" was wearing and where Park saw him.

Jurors added that they had reasonable doubts about a number of accusations made by prosecutors.

Jurors also were skeptical about glove, blood and other evidence reported by police detective Mark Fuhrman, who after testifying was exposed as an apparent liar and evidence-faking "genocidal racist."

Stunned by their defeat in the high-profile case after several other well-publicized losses, prosecutors said last week they would not make

any further appeals. The witness stand had they known about the existence of audio tapes.

On the tapes, his voice talked about hating minorities and boasted about making up and planting fabricated "evidence."

Clearly, prosecutors didn't know about the tapes or that they would be revealed to the public. But the prosecutors did know of Fuhrman's checkered past.

Why did they present him as a reliable witness when they knew he was not?

A prosecutor's "aggressive nastiness" was cited by national commentators as possibly irritating jurors. Proposed defense witnesses were investigated, ridiculed and then subjected to

merciless cross-examination. Judge Lance Ito, the record shows, favored the prosecution rather than the defense in most of his rulings. A key blow to the defense occurred when the judge permitted only a tiny portion of the Fuhrman tapes to be heard by jurors.

On the tapes, he allowed the male nurse who drew Simpson's blood the day after the murders to "testify" via a videotaped talk with prosecutors.

The nurse was not under oath and no defense lawyer was aware of the taping, recently changing the spirit and intent of the law. The nurse had testified under oath on two previous occasions before

Judge Ito, but his story of how much blood he took.

If Simpson's and the two victims' blood was spread around by police misconduct, perhaps only one or two officers were involved.

But fellow officers also were at fault for remaining silent about Fuhrman's past attitude and actions. They showed too much loyalty to him and not enough to possibly innocent suspects.

There obviously were other points, some seen as incriminating to Simpson, in the massive, complex trial. I'll discuss the trial further next week.

Letters to the editor

School system needs changes

TO THE EDITOR:

"Your son has ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)."

These are scary words for a parent to hear. The doctors state it's a treatable with medication, which will solve part of the problem. But they must learn self control.

That was almost seven years ago. We survived, but there is still something missing — the ability to teach these children.

These children have a tendency to talk in class, disrupt other children, possibly throwing and knocking things over. Other times, they are shy but still can be destructive. They can be classified as a class clown and very strong willed.

The final straw came when my son was put in a corner in the back of the classroom by himself to sit during school. Almost appearing that the teacher didn't wish him to be in the class. So, the easiest way to solve it was to move him. That took place in the first grade.

I have fought every inch of the way — keeping in constant contact with all teachers, being called into meetings with

everyone from his teacher to the playground monitor. Just being a sounding board for all these people, constantly hearing: Do you know what your son did today? He is now in the sixth grade.

My conclusion: Most of my son's teachers didn't fail him, the system did. I've decided to stop being angry and do something about it. I decided to run for the Granite City School Board. My name is Andrea Miles-Rhoads.

I believe it's time that Granite City came into the '90s. Our schools are behind the times and there are many teachers unable to teach these students. My solution: We need to make provisions for these children. We have Lake School and Wilson School, which accommodate special needs, but we need more.

I don't think the people of Granite City are aware of how many of these children with AD, ADD and ADHD there are in our schools. We may need to make classes available just for these students, or offer special classes, which are smaller in number, so these students are on more of a one-on-one basis with the teacher. These children are not freaks and they are not misfits, they are humans with special needs.

In Granite City, we need to wake up and face this head-on and quit ignoring it, hoping it will go away. It won't; it will only get worse. I have fought since my son was born. No parent should have to go through what I have. Why not solve this and make everyone

feel equal?

I'm asking for all parents of children with AD, ADD, ADHD or any other behavior disorders to contact me. I can use all the help I can get to let Granite City know we are out there and we are not going to disappear.

Please contact me at 4206 Crescent Industrial Drive in Pontoon Beach.

ANDREA MILES-RHOADS
For Granite City School Board

Wants to be part of plans

TO THE EDITOR:

I believe in the ideals and principles of our superintendent Steve Balen. Steve has been an inspiration to me and Granite City schools. Our children have been blessed to have Steve as the leader of education here in this district.

His spirit of "love and mutual respect" permeates our entire school system. In my letter to the high school teachers before my last campaign, I proposed the idea of how to rotate the high school without increasing taxes. As you well know, this idea became a reality and our bond issue was passed. These were part of my dreams then and they still are. I want to be a part of the completion of these plans. The "new and remodeled" high school is becoming a reality and will be the pride of our community. We have guaranteed that we will bring

the project to completion in a timely manner and within budget.

I may not have run if it were not for the two-year term, yet I felt the urgency to help bring to completion some of the projects and programs somewhat recently initiated. Our technology program has not taken off as it should have and needs more guidance. I am a firm believer in innovation, providing it serves our children better.

Our technology program, while in its infancy, still needs direction, but will in the near future equal any throughout the state and be the finest in this area. I pride myself in keeping up with the newest in this area. I compliment Bob Bishoff and the technology specialists for their great efforts; this doesn't happen overnight.

The best is yet to come. Having served as an educator for 36 years and a board member for four years, the two-year term seemed attractive to me.

JAMES NOETH
Vice President
Granite City School Board

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Former Perot followers defect

New citizens group forming

United We Stand America defectors share some of the philosophies of their former Dallas-based organization, but they are intent on forming their own citizens action group.

Some 60 former members of the Illinois chapter and sympathizers met Oct. 1 in Westchester in northern Illinois to organize. They say they took with them from UWSA goals of reforming welfare, Medicare and campaign financing.

Some organizers of the new group were high-ranking officials of UWSA in Illinois, including state chairman Jack Koenig of Thornton.

Thornton resigned in August along with John Pankey of St. Elmo, who was UWSA's 20th Congressional district coordinator. State secretary Marie Renner, eight state board members and the organization's Young America coordinator also bailed out.

Renner blamed internal politics and other differences for the split. Koenig said problems arose in the Dallas-based organization when "it became the antithesis of what we were all about. It became 'top down' instead of 'bottoms up,' dictatorial and unaccountable for the millions of dollars our members contributed in dues."

Koenig said he also was upset at plans by the national group to dismantle state organizations. He said Perot's desire to form a third political party is no surprise.

"We were expecting such a move," Koenig said. "However, we didn't believe he would narrow the focus to the presidential suite. The small group of remaining UWSA members must have very mixed emotions."

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— Jack Koenig
State chairman

counted on the organization to propel their own personal political ambitions. Will they go through with another petition drive to satisfy 'the boss?' I don't know. I believe many of them will drop out now that there is not a free ride."

He added, "In UWSA, the people who are the most vociferous ones are the ones who want to run for office. They have attached themselves to the party as a vehicle to run. It's really going to knock the wind out of their sails if they have to begin peddling petitions."

Koenig said breakaway groups are forming in 45 states. The Illinois organization will meet again at the end of the month.

"We are all very optimistic about the outcome and are looking forward to the gathering with a great deal of enthusiasm. We will regroup, move

forward and succeed where Perot and his devotees failed," he said.

Dan Counts of Granite City, a United We Stand leader, said state organizations have set up corporate charters but were not killed by the national office.

"It is a separate structure that is not mixed with a political party," he said.

Of the departure of Koenig and others, Counts said, "Most of the people who left were passive. Jack is very strong in his ideas. He is more against than what he is for, and you have to offer an alternative if you are against something."

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— From the Alton Telegraph

•Perot

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limit legislation a chance," he said.

Members of UWSA attempted to limit terms of state legislators in 1994 by collecting signatures. The Illinois Supreme Court later ruled that term limits were not an issue that voters could initiate.

According to UWSA literature, "Many concerned Illinoisans became disgusted by the Illinois Supreme Court's decision relative to a proposal for the people of Illinois to vote on."

"It seemed that the power structure of the state was subverting the will of an honestly concerned number of citizens; it went through a designated process, and then got cut down at the knees. Many people accepted this action by the power structure, some people could not."

Counts said about 300 Madison County residents are members of UWSA but admitted many are not active. He predicted a rise in numbers and enthusiasm as the 1996 general election nears.

"We're slowly rolling along. Some people like elections; it gives them something to do and they'll get out to the meetings. The hot-button issues also bring them out," he said.

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Polsky gets state approval

Polsky Energy Corp. won a green light from state environmental officials to build a \$113 million wood-burning energy plant in Wood River.

The Illinois Pollution Control Board voted 7-0 Thursday in Chicago to uphold the city's decision to allow construction of the plant in Wood River's Lewis and Clark Environmental Business Park on Illinois Route 143.

The company plans to burn scrap wood, shredded tires and paper pellets to produce electrical power for sale to Illinois Power Co.

"We're obviously very happy," Polsky Vice President James Shield said. "In an appeal, you're never sure, but we believed this was the only possible decision based on the petition."

The board rejected an appeal by the Sierra Club, the Madison County Conservation Alliance and Jim Bensman of East Alton, which questioned the "fundamental fairness" of a March public hearing and whether Polsky, acting as Wood River Partners, had met five of the nine required siting criteria.

"It's clear the process was fair," Shield said, citing the unanimous vote.

John Cross, legislative liaison for the state board, said final decision on an appeal, but they will petition the board for reconsideration.

"We need to take a close look, but we will definitely file a motion for reconsideration based on errors in the decision and facts in the record that are overlooked," Bensman said.

"One thing is clear. In a quick reading of the decision, I see blatant factual errors," he said, citing the availability of the transcript of the March hearing as an example.

The board's decision contends the city offered to make a copy of the transcript available for \$1 a page, which met the availability issue, but Bensman said the city refused to make a copy available.

"They said I would have to go elsewhere, and previous boards have ruled that that was not sufficient to meet the availability or fairness test," Bensman said.

A number of the criteria issues were ignored or swept aside in the opinion, he said.

City Attorney Renee Bassett said Control Board members discussed only grammatical changes in their decision that took about 20 minutes to complete. No issues needed to be overturned, she said.

"It was done quite quickly and proved to me (the March public hearing) was not unfair," she said. "We did try to be fair."

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVM	10	News Cont'd	Gordon Elliott		Gerardo	George & Alana	Danny!	News	News	Desighing		
KMOV	3	This Morning			Regis & Kaitie	Movie Williams	Price is Right	News	News	Boud & B.		
KSDK	3	Today			Douhaie	Larry Springer	Gally	News	News			
KNLG	3	Today's	Cubhouse	Varied	Clay, Kelly & Valerie	Cambella	Varied Programs	News	News	Larry Rice		
KNTN	4	Today's	Bobby		Coach	Empty Nest		News	News			
KETC	3	Body Etc.	Mr Rogers		Barney	Tempesti	Douglas H	Mike Smith	At My Children	Varied		
KPLR	11	Matin	Trappers	Migfly Max	Blacky Bld	In the Heat of the Night	Lamch Chops	Seelye	Carrie			
							Hunter	Richard Day				
STATIONS												
SC	3	Capitol	Squawk Box		Money Wheel		Opinion	Money Wheel				
CNN	9	Early Etc.	Morning News			CNN & G	Opinion	CNN	CNN Today			
NBC	9	Today	Rugrats	Bay Watch	Murpots	Murpots	Allegre	Gullah!	Rupert	Busy World	Eureka	Beaver
NTK	9	Scooby Dooby Doo		Flintstones	Bugs Bunny	Knots Landing		Starway and Hitch	Charles's Angels			
ESPN	4	Furlas	Scenic	MacGyver	Genie	Magnus, P.L.	Major Dad	Major Dad	People C	People C	Varied Programs	
USA	2	SportsCenter	Gettin' Dirty	Bodyshape	Home	Shore	Sportscenter	Kerr's	Outline	Varied	Home	
DISC	7	DisC	Prod. Prog.		Home	Stewart	Houssaint					
TBS	13	Gilligan	Bewitched	Boyz	Griffith	Little House	Mallock	Perry Mason	Gerardo	News		
TWC	36				Griffith	Court TV	Perry Mason	Gerardo	News			
WGN	15	Menace	Menace		Court TV		Compliments to the Chef	Gerardo	News	Classic Club		
WMSL	10	Spa	Coffee Break		Coffee Break							
AH	3	Movie	Varied Programs		Video Morning							
TNN	35	101.1			Video Energy							
MTV	9	Aravane	Varied	Best of the 90s	MTV Jans							
LN	30	Baby	Your Baby	Sisters	Our Home		Biggers and Summers	News	Home	Hammond	News	Desighing
HN	35	News	News	News	News	News	News	Health	Newhart	Newhart	Waltons	
FAXS	7	Headfirst	Varied	Varied	Pro Club		Bennington Stee	Police Story			Rockford Files	
A&E	31	Low Grant										
PREMIUM STATIONS												
SHOW	15	Emphatic	White Fawn	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied	Movie		
SHOW	15	Movie	Varied Programs		Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Movie	Movie	Varied	
TNAC	17	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	
DISC	18	Movie	Care Bears	Eunani B.	Pook Com	Zumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip-Dee	Tale Spin	Movie

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON				
	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30

BROADCAST STATIONS											
	12	13	14	23	30	33	40	43	46	50	53
KTVI (1)	Gaborne	Mark Waberg	Mary Povich	Car. Affair	Hard Copy	News				News	Entertain
KMDK (4)	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Rescue 111	Bay and the Restless		News				News	Entertain
KNOX	Anchor Watch	Days of Our Lives	Silica	Jaguar/TV	Crash Widely	News	CSI News	News	NCI News	News	Entertain
KNLN	700 Club	M. Music	2-Music	Tan-Elia	X-Men	Batman	Rangers	Home	Varied Programs	FineArts	Larry L
KONL (4)	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Ricki Lake	Fresh Pr.	Blossom	Home Int.	ABC News			News	Sat
KETC (2)	One Life to Live	Dudley	Reading Aloud	Bill No	Wane	Home	Station	MacHeller-Ent		Step-Stop	Stair
KOLN	Jeany Jones	Baranov	Aladin	Warner				Full House			
CABLE STATIONS											
SC	Money Wheel Cor'd	Money	Market Wrsp					Trade	Trade	Tooths	Journs
CNN	Am Today Cont'd	Talback Lark	Politics	Early Prime				World	World	Moneyline	Comm
TNT	Chumps	Chimpunks	Wick in the Afternoon	Movie	Teen	Teen	Teen	Teletv	Rugrats	Doogs	Clariss
ESPN	CSiPis	Nick	Wild, Wild West	Movie				Chips		In the Heat of the	W
USA	360	Piepic O/L	Love Con.	Love Con.				Highlander The Series	Up Close	Sportscenter	Varied
DISC	34	Varied Progs	Home Court	Ricki Reined	Varied			Wings	Closets	Bay, 2000	Next
DISC	24	Easy	Love	Kart's	Culture	Varied		Popular Mechanics	Upp	Far Mat.	Video
TBS	13	Movie Cor'd	Cartoon Planet	Garfield	Grady	Saved-Bat	Saved-Bat	Local Forecast	Local	Far Mat.	Video
TWC				Warner				Local Forecast	Local	Far Mat.	Video
WGN	12	Danely	Charles Perez	Warner	Animanias	Sam Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bat	Local	Far Mat.	Video
WHSL	10	Classic Club	Varied Programs								Varied
AMC	26			Movie	Varied Programs						Varied
TMN				TMN	VideoPM			Wildabout Subson	Club Dance		Varied
MTV	98	Music Videos	Videos	Varied				Real World	Jams	Best-300	Singled Out
LIFE	30	Movie		Grinder	TBA	Regi World	Jams	Reality & Lacy	Commit.	Unsub	Wanted
FM	33	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
WAB	26	Highway to Heaven	Punty B.	New Lassie	Wing&Steel	Masters	Family Challenge	News	Newhart	Newhart	News
A&E	31	Varied Programs		Remington	Sam	Low Grant		Polic Story			Rockford File
PREMIUM STATIONS											
HBO	14	Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs			Varied Programs	
SHOW	15	Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs			Varied Programs	Movie
TMC	17	Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs			Varied Programs	Movie
DISH	16	Movie	Varied	Charles B.	Jack	Kids Inc.	Hickey	Darling	Talk Spin	Bucklers	Varied Programs

WEEKDAY LATE NIGHT			
	1-22	1-22	2-22

	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	
BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVU	(A) Rescue 911	Newhart	Magnum P.	News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	A Day	Business News	CBS News	News	Vari	
KSDK	(C) Later	Schout	Corn TV	Lesta	News	NBC News	Varied Programs	USC News	News	News	Vari	
KACB	(C) Movie			Cops		Lady Rice	X-Mas	Music	Haven	Varied	Copland	Lan
NNML	(C) Movie					ABC World News Now			Varied Programs	ABC News	ABO News	
KETG	(C) Business	Varied	MacIn-Leher	Varied Programs				Advertisements	Advertisements	Varied	Bus	Fel
KPLR	(H) Shopping	Psychic	Varied Programs		Charles Perez		Strangers	Highlander	Golf Proo	Booker	Fen	
CABLE STATIONS												
SC	Talk			Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Business	Varied	Edition	
CNN	Tk2	Larry King Live	Overnight	Sports	Graffiti	Newsworm	Sports	Varied	Bullwinkle	Waneville	Gumbies	Be Gr
NICK	(M) More Taxi	Factor	Varied Sports	Neuhart			Dragonet		Gillian	Benji	Funston	
USA	(M) Varied	Programs					Facts-Life	Bloomberg	Bloomberg	Bloomberg	Woody	G.I.
ESPN	(M) Soccercast	Up Close	Varied Programs						Football	SportsCenter	Varied	
ESPÑ	(M) P. Barman - Showmen	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jatons	Fil
DISC	(M) 2 Varied Programs								Planet	Scobly	Jetsons	Fil
TBS	13 Movie Cont'd	Movie	Varied Programs									
TWC	36 Local	Local	Local	Local	Local							
WGAL	12 Varied Programs					Charles Perez		I. Swagant	Cooksey	Peanut	Ready to Wear	
WHGL	10 Night Life	Movie	Mad Cap	Mad Cap			Fine Jewelry Shows	Ready to Wear			Ready to Wear	
AMC	28 Movie	Varied Programs										
THN	33 Music	News	(CP Art)									
MTV	98 Dreamtime	Varied	Beavis	Singled Out	Dreamtime				Awaken	Varied	Grind	Wat
LIFE	30 k's thing	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jat
HN	53 News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	Health	Varied	Classroom	
FAXS	26 Club	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Health	Varied Programs			
A&E	31 Varied	Law & Order			Evening at the Improv		Movie					
PREMIUM STATIONS												
SHOW	14 Varied Programs					Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs	
PRIME	16 Movie	Varied					Movie			Varied Programs		
TMF	17 Movie	Movie					Movie			Movie Tracks	Mermaid	
DSGN	16 Movie	Movie		Varied	Movie							

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Obituaries

Della Jackson

Della Arnette (Miller) Jackson, 65, of Madison, formerly of Taylorville, Ill., died at 2:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, following a five-year illness. She was born March 23, 1930, in Mount Auburn, Ill., and had been a resident of Taylorville for 25 years prior to moving to Madison 40 years ago.

A homemaker, she was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Jackson, whom she married June 11, 1956, in Madison County; four sons, Randolph Vancil and Bruce Jackson, both of Madison, Christopher Jackson of Granite City and Phillip Jackson of Danville, Ill.; three daughters, Karen Rumpf and Renee Jackson, both of Granite City, and Sue (Jackson) Johnson of Danville; one brother, Daniel Miller of Danville; four sisters, Ada Berck and Sherilyn Amar, both of Danville, Diane Dula of Seattle, Wash., and Carol Gosar of Marrieville, Ind.; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Gregory Vancil and Mike and Jeffrey Jackson; her parents, Jake and Opal (McIntosh) Miller; and one sister, Dorine Nass.

Services were Monday at Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home in Madison with the Rev. Max Wood officiating. Burial was in McIntosh Cemetery in Entfield, Ill.

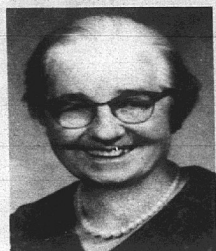
John Hauck

John F. Hauck, 65, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Granite City and House Springs, Mo., died Thursday, Sept. 28, 1995, while on a cruise. He was born Dec. 23, 1929, in Oak Grove, Wis.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred (Flach) Hauck; two

sons; one daughter; one brother; one sister; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hauck's remains were cremated in Acapulco, Mexico. A memorial service was held Oct. 2 in Sarasota.



Antonia Pavletic

Antonia (Hladik) Pavletic, 97, of Granite City died at 11:50 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1995, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City, where she had been a resident for 11 years. She was born Nov. 13, 1897, in Grubisopol, Croatia, and had been a resident of Granite City since 1923.

A homemaker, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and the CPU Local 222. She was a former member of the church's Quilters Club and St. Joseph and St. Margaret Mary.

Survivors include two daughters, Olga Mink and Janet Hagauer, both of Granite City; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Pavletic, who died April 3, 1974; one daughter, Elizabeth Mejaski;

who died Feb. 10, 1989; and her parents, Franjo and Frantiska (Kilvoda) Hladik.

Services were to be held at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. Thomas Wise officiating. Burial in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Memorials in the form of Masses to Holy Family Catholic Church are suggested.



John Cavins

John A. Cavins, 91, of Granite City, formerly of Morehouse, Mo., died at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1995, at Christian Northeast Hospital in St. Louis. He was born July 24, 1904, in Dale, Ind., and had been a resident of Granite City for 71 years.

A milk route driver with Dressed Young Dairy for 37 years prior to his retirement in 1967, he was a member of Second Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, Fred L. Cavins of Granite City and Albert C. Cavins of Clarksville, Tenn.; five sisters, Bouah

Davis of Granite City and Lola Griffin, Lela Hileman, Alta Ellison and Clella Reed, all of Morehouse; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie F. (Reeves) Cavins, whom he married June 28, 1924, and who died Oct. 30, 1989; his parents, Clarence C. and Dona J. (Taylor) Cavins; two brothers, Ora and Onis Cavins; and two sisters, Ada Hicks and Alma Huelser.

Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. David Wyler officiating. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Arrangements are by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for Second Baptist Church.

Byrol Wiley

Byrol Dwight "Fuzz" Wiley, 32, of Edgewood died at 2:17 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1995, at his residence. He was born in Madison.

Survivors include one son, Byron Brown of St. Louis; one daughter, Leah Dawn Brown of East St. Louis; his mother, Willie Mae Wiley of East St. Louis; one brother, Lionel O. Wiley of East St. Louis; and two sisters, Zandra Monique Wiley of Madison and Kay Andra Ameche Wiley of East St. Louis.

Graveside services and burial were held Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstet with the Rev. Ben Jennings officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

William Eaves

William R. "Bill" Eaves, 73, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of the Granite City area, died at 5:13 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 1995, in Jacksonville. He was born Oct. 3, 1922, in Madison.

A supervisor with Florida Machine and Foundry, he was a Navy veteran. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary J. (Stanislavsky) Eaves; one daughter, Karen Straub of St. Louis; and one grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Evelyn (Clark) Eaves.

Graveside services and burial were to be held at 10 a.m.

Raceway

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"This racetrack is expected to draw more people than the St. Louis Rams, and have a bigger economic impact," he said.

The TIF district would include the racetrack and truck stop. In the TIF district, property taxes received by local taxing bodies are frozen, and any increase in revenue is put into a special account to be used for improvements within the district.

Ortbals said the money would be used for improvements such as drainage, sewers and roads.

"A lot of things need to occur, and that all comes back to the TIF," he said.

Ortbals said the goal was to establish a TIF district by January.

Before the district is established, other taxing bodies are notified, and public hearings are held.

In a related matter, the council approved a resolution asking the zoning board to consider expanding the uses in areas zoned B-3 to include automotive racing and testing, a full service truck and auto plaza, and a golf course or related uses.

City Attorney Casper Nighoghossian said the current zoning regulations might be too vague to allow those uses at this time.

today, Thursday, Oct. 12, in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Paul Fuesell officiating.

Arrangements by Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville.

Memorials are requested for the Cancer Research Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville.

John Hagler

John D. Hagler, 49, of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Oct. 9, 1995. He was born Oct. 30, 1945, in Granite City, where he had been a resident for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Jennifer Hagler; one brother, Lawrence Hagler Jr.; and three sisters, Ruth Shelton, Karen Lewis and Martha Atkins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Rau) Hagler; and one daughter, Anna Marie Hagler.

Visitation is after 4 p.m. today, Thursday, at Kutis Funeral Home, 2906 Gravois Ave. in St. Louis, where services are at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Chris Petroff

Christopher John Petroff, 23, of Bridgeton, Mo., formerly of Edwardsville, was pronounced dead at 3:33 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 1995, in O'Fallon. He was born Nov. 10, 1971, in Portsmouth, Va.

A prelaw student at St. Louis University in St. Louis, he was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville.

Survivors include his father, Dr. Dennis J. Petroff of Edwardsville; his mother, Pamela K. Petroff of St. Louis; one brother, Eric James Petroff of Edwardsville; his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Ann Petroff of Granite City; and his maternal grandparents, John and Ollie Bosich of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jeffrey Peter Petroff.

Services are at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, at Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main St. in Edwardsville, with the Rev. Carl Audenbergs officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the St. Louis University Law School Scholarship Fund.

Murder

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tan Dockers-style pants, a paisley shirt and a leather vest. He was not wearing shoes and none were found near the body.

Investigators checked with employees of Bobby's Nightclub a few miles from the murder scene to see if anyone remembered Petroff, but no leads were gained there, Betten said.

Bobby's, on Old Collinsville Road, features country-western music.

Betten said the body was found in an unincorporated area of St. Clair County in part of Ogles Creek about eight or nine miles east of Illinois 159 on Bethel Road, which is north of O'Fallon.

Betten said Wednesday that the investigation was progressing.

"Good things are happening. We have progressed, but there's not a lot I can report to you," he said.

While the Major Case Squad usually stays with an investigation for five days, Betten said the officers working on the Petroff case may be asked to remain a little longer.

Route

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"Crime is very low," Kopf said. He said that Metrolink has handled nearly 20 million passengers with few incidents.

Louise Payne of Granite City said the proposed new route was inconvenient, requiring passengers to wait three times: once when catching the bus, once when transferring at the East St. Louis Metrolink station and a third time once passengers get across the river.

"This proposal stinks. Absolutely," Payne said.

Louise Sloan agreed. She pointed out that the new 530 route will cross an additional set of railroad tracks on Illinois 13 in Brooklyn, adding to the potential for delays.

"People may have to get up a half hour earlier because of the railroad tracks," Sloan said.

John Hostetler rides to work with his 69-year-old father every day.

"He's going to have to walk six blocks to get to the Metrolink station and he's going to have to wait at the Metrolink station — with no shelter — 15 to 20 minutes in the evening," he said. "It's a very unsafe situation. You're going to have a lot more crime. Just keep it as it is."

The 531 Pontoon Limited would be rerouted between the Granite City transfer station and McKinley Bridge. It would go along Madison and Broadway, instead of Rock Road. Two additional morning trips would also be added to replace early morning runs by 530.

Patty Atkins said the new 531 schedule would be better.

"We are never on time now. It's going to leave three minutes later, take a more indirect route with more stops and get there at the same time?" she asked.

Madison County Transit's Venice-SIUE Shuttle schedule would be coordinated with the new Bi-State schedule to achieve half-hour intervals between buses.

Other areas affected by the changes include passengers near Rock Road in Granite City. MCT Manager Jerry Kane said riders there would be able to catch a MCT bus to the downtown Granite City bus terminal to catch a connecting bus.

Kane said the changes have been proposed in anticipation of about a half million dollar cut in federal subsidies that MCT had used in the past as a credit to Bi-State.

"Bi-State has come up with a plan that minimizes the inconvenience to passengers resulting from these cuts," Kane said.

Kopf said all comments will be taken into consideration before a final decision is made on the proposed changes.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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Infant deaths decline here

Madison County followed a statewide trend last year in recording fewer deaths among newborns, according to a new state report. The infant mortality rate in Madison County dropped to 7.9 per 1,000 live births, down from 8.2 in 1993, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced Thursday.

The statewide mortality rate declined to 9 from 9.2 per 1,000 births, the third consecutive year a new record low was set. In 1993, the rate was 9.6; in 1992 it was 10 and in 1991 it was 10.7.

In Madison County last year, there were 27 deaths among 3,411 newborns, compared to 29 deaths among 3,527 births in 1993.

Gov. Jim Edgar contended the report demonstrates that state programs to improve prenatal care along with medical advances are having an impact.

He cited a new program in which a case manager is assigned to pregnant women and infants on Medicaid to make sure they receive regular medical care and related services.

Studies found that the number of premature deliveries was 30 percent lower among 14,000 women whose cases were monitored.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Winners — Commander Harold Siebert and Auxiliary President Jane Varner of AMVETS Post 51 and auxiliary recently presented awards from the Department of Illinois AMVETS and Auxiliary to three students from the Granite City area for their entries in an essay and poster contest. The contest's theme was: "Why, where and when do we salute the American flag?" The poster contest was for fifth-grade students, while the essay contest was open to students in sixth, ninth and eleventh and twelfth grades. Pictured, from left, with post commander Siebert are Elizabeth Dochwat, winner of the poster contest; auxiliary first vice president Betty Wilkins; sixth-grade winner Kristen Orsborn; Varner; and eleventh- and twelfth-grade category winner Chris Janek. Dochwat, a student at Holy Family School, received a \$50 savings bond, a plaque, an award of merit, a book entitled and a certificate of appreciation from the National AMVETS and Auxiliary. Orsborn, a Frohardt School student, received a \$100 savings bond for her 250-word essay, and Janek, a senior at Granite City High School, also won a \$100 bond for his 500-word essay.

Medicine school aims at underserved

SPRINGFIELD — The School of Nursing at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will be one of the leaders in a new effort to help Illinois' medically underserved areas.

SIU Chancellor Ted Sanders announced Thursday a consortium led by SIU has won a \$300,000 planning grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant will be used to develop a strategy to recruit more people who already live in underserved areas to become nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives and physician assistants.

Cooperative programs involving hospitals and other medical care providers, as well as SIU and its partner universities will be developed, Sanders said. More innovative and nontraditional ways to provide the training will also be studied.

"We think that new technologies such as distance learning and the Internet will broaden opportunities and make cooperative programs efficient and cost effective," Sanders said.

In the local area, medically underserved areas identified by the Illinois Department of Public Health include all of Jersey and Macoupin counties and minority populations in Madison County. The program will cover all of Indiana as well as Central and Southern Illinois.

SIUE School of Nursing Dean Felissa Cohen said community clinics operated by the SIU Medical School will likely be used for "some teleconferencing of classes and consultations and there will be a team of trained health care professionals working with."

Cohen said the school expects to get approval from the State Board of Higher Education in January to launch a master's degree program for nurse practitioners, who can work more independently than physician oversight than registered nurses.

Barbecue set for Saturday

The Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens will hold a barbecue and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Hall, 2910 Illinois 111 in Pontoon Beach, next to the police station.

Barbecued pork steaks or bratwurst plates with potato salad and cole slaw will be available for \$3.50. Also available are sandwiches and chips at \$2.50, hot dogs for 75 cents each, dessert for 50 cents and soda, tea or coffee for 50 cents. You can eat in or carry-out.

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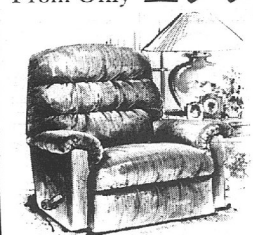
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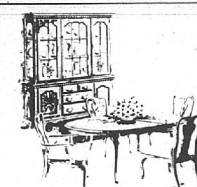
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Art Voellinger

Violations, codes cover wide range

It took no more than to keep my eyes and ears open at the start of the school year to support a theory: things never change when it comes to schools and the violation of rules.

Locally, the Aug. 16 theft of \$1 dollar from the tip jar by a Freeburg High School freshman at the Orchards Golf Course and related disciplinary decision reached the St. Clair County Court House and associate judge Richard Aguirre.

IN DAYTON, Ky., to avoid the random drug testing of that community's high school, 12 members of the varsity football team were suspended in late August after they admitted using LSD.

While the football players in Kentucky missed the first two games of what has been an unbeaten season and the soccer players were sidelined for two weeks, the golfer—according to Freeburg rules—was booted from the team.

What's fair? I cannot answer, but I know schools have rules and students and parents are informed annually through handbooks.

While some may not agree with the disparity between the penalty for a \$1 theft and the use of LSD, there should be no denying that schools have the right to set their own rules.

THINKING SUCH, I requested information from Belleville West athletic director John Wehmeier and learned that all a student athlete at East or West or a parent or guardian has to do is read.

Regarding controlled substances and alcohol, the District 201 policy includes a position statement related to the well-being of the student athlete and then is very explicit.

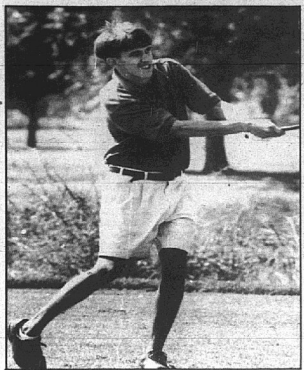
"First violation: the student-athlete shall be suspended from participation for a certain number of dates (based on a percentage of games) in sports in which the athlete is a participant."

After a suspension starts, before the student-athlete can resume participation, the following must occur: 1. A meeting with the athlete, parents, athletic director and coach to discuss the athlete's behavior and to explain the penalty for a second offense; 2. a meeting with the athlete and student assistance counselor when alcohol and/or controlled substances are involved; 3. the student must be released for participation by the student assistance counselor.

"THAT LATTER part (release by the student assistance counselor) is very important," said Wehmeier. Again, I thought of the \$1 theft compared to LSD usage and wondered what the degree of severity would be from school to school as well as the vagueness when it comes to moral behavior.

Still, student athletes and parents or guardians should remember something spelled out by the District 201 policy.

"Athletic competition is a privilege, when a student chooses to become a part of the athletic experience, he/she must accept the responsibilities which go along with representing the school."



David Martin shot a 76 to place fourth in Tuesday's Quincy Sectional.

Martin scores state berth

Senior golfer to represent GCHS in Bloomington

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Records, incomplete as they may be, have been checked. It appears that David Martin's achievement on Tuesday may be the first of its kind in Warrior history.

Martin shot a 5-over-par 76 on the tough Westview Golf Course to become the first Warrior in memory to advance individually to the Class AA state tournament. As a team, the Warriors advanced to state in 1992.

The GCHS senior fired a 40 on the front nine and a sizzling 36 on the back nine to make the cut and finish in a tie for fourth place overall.

MARTIN AND THE rest of the qualifiers will travel to Bloomington's Crestview Country Club this Friday and Saturday for the state tourney. Players will shoot 18 holes each on Friday and Saturday to determine the 36-hole champion.

"He shot really well and I was very proud of the way he played," GCHS

coach Boone Chaney said. "I told him after the practice round Monday that he would have to keep his concentration on those greens and be careful not to three-putt. That's exactly what he did."

Chaney said the undulating greens at Westview were the toughest aspect of the course, something the Warriors found out in Monday's practice session.

Although Martin and the Warriors played the course early in the year, the conditions were much more wet for the sectional.

"When (Martin) shot the practice round Monday, he was having trouble with the greens," Chaney said. "But he was very mature in his approach, and that's what it takes at this level."

O'FALLON'S TODD HANCOCK was the overall individual winner at the sectional, shooting a 1-over 73 to win the title. The team championship went to host Quincy, which posted a score of 311. Belleville East was sec-

ond at 314 and Mascoutah claimed the final team spot for the state tourney, shooting 316 for third place.

Also advancing to the state tournament from the area were Belleville West's Phil Caravia, who was tied with Martin at 76; Josh Phillips of Mascoutah (76); Collinsville's Tyson Brill (78) and Nathan Shiver (78); and East's Brent Jackson (78).

Collinsville just missed the cut as a team, finishing fourth with a team score of 317.

Martin will join approximately 60 other golfers in Bloomington this Friday. Martin and Chaney will make the trip Thursday to play a practice round.

"I've never played the course, and David hasn't either obviously, so we don't know what to expect," Chaney said. "I'm sure David will just go up there and do the best job he can."

"These are the best golfers in the state, so I'm sure it will be very difficult to place up there. But certainly it's quite an accomplishment for David just to have made it that far."

Netters hoping to match up at West

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Thursday's tennis match with Wood River was postponed on Tuesday, leaving the Lady Warriors with nothing left to think about except the sectional tournament.

Granite City will join nine other schools Friday and Saturday at the Belleville West Sectional.

THE HOST MAROONS, winners of 80 consecutive dual team matches, will be the overwhelming favorites to advance to state. All seven of their team spots could advance, and it's likely that six of them will. The top four spots in each of seven positions (four singles, three doubles) will advance to this year's state tournament in Mt. Prospect.

West placed third last year as a team at state, and the remaining teams in the sectional will be hard-pressed to beat any of the Maroons' players.

With the cancellation of the Wood River match, the Lady Warriors and their top state hopefuls can concentrate on the sectional. Two of the team's best singles players will be paired up in doubles for the sectional.

Marci Holsinger and Geeta Kumar will be Granite City's best chance for a state appearance. GCHS coach Lin-



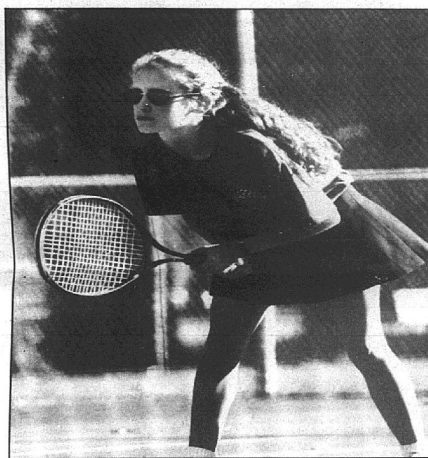
Holsinger Kumar
da Ames said the two are prepared.

"AT THIS POINT, with all of the matches they've played and the weeks of practice, they should be ready," Ames said. "I thought it would be a little on Thursday, and say a couple prayers. There isn't a whole lot of coaching that can be done at this stage."

Ames paired Holsinger and Kumar at the Southwestern Conference tournament Oct. 7 at Belleville East. The Maroons won that tournament, and the Lady Warriors tied for fourth place.

"I thought we could finish third, but Alton was a little stronger than I expected," Ames said. "I thought it would be good practice, though, to go ahead and pair Marci and Geeta up for that tournament. It worked out pretty well."

Holsinger and Kumar put a real scare into East's No. 1 doubles team. After four (See SECTIONAL, Page 38)



Granite City's Kim Conaway awaits her partner's serve during a recent match.

Wright emerges as leader in Lady Warriors' frontcourt

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Granite City volleyball coach Cindy Gagich is looking for consistency from her players, as well as a competitive spirit and solid play from all positions. She needs to look no further than one of her top sophomores.

Jenna Wright, 15, has been impressing her coaches, teammates and opponents ever since she put on the red, black and white this year.

Wright can seemingly do it all, and quite well for a sophomore. She has stepped up on the front line and hit well, adding another weapon to the Lady Warriors' front row.

SHE HAS ALSO served well on a team that can use as many consistent servers as possible, and she is possibly

the team's best defender on the court.

"She's an excellent hitter for us, but where she's really excelled is on defense," Gagich said. "She has excellent defense at the net with blocking, and on the back row as well. She has wonderful reading abilities. It seems like wherever I put her, she plays well."

Wright said she has even surprised herself with her play at times. She didn't even play on the junior varsity team last year, making the move from the freshman squad to varsity this season.

"Things have been going pretty well," Wright said. "I've been playing pretty well at the net. I wasn't sure how things would work out after not playing junior varsity. But I give a lot of credit to Coach (Deb) Germann. She taught

me a lot and got me ready to play this year."

"MY DEFENSE HAS surprised me. A lot of it's hustle. You have to watch the ball and the arm swing, and then you have to get there and hit the ball well enough that the team can control it."

Wright, the daughter of Lynn and Dee Wright of Granite City, came to GCHS after excelling at Grigsby under Connie King. But she added the two levels are worlds apart.

"It took me a while to get used to the difference, but I'm getting used to it," Wright said. "There isn't much hitting in junior high, it's more passing. But I still learned a lot my last year there and my first year in high school."

As far as her play, Wright (See WRIGHT, Page 38)

Lady Warriors winding down regular season

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The final tournament of the season for the Granite City volleyball team will begin Friday night at Freeburg High School.

Actually, the Lady Warriors don't play until Saturday at the Freeburg Invitational. They will have a busy schedule that day, with four games beginning at 9 a.m., and won't finish until at least 5 p.m.

THE TOURNAMENT is packed full of interesting games, although the schedule is very tight. If the Lady Warriors would happen to advance to the third-place match, they would only have 15 minutes to rest after their final pool game.

GCHS will have to play very well, however, in order to advance. The Lady Warriors are grouped in Pool A with Marissa, Belleville East, Freeburg and West.

Competing in the other pool are Brees Central, Triad, Gibault, Highland and East St. Louis Lincoln.

"It's going to be a very tough tournament," GCHS coach Cindy Gagich said recently. "We will have to play hard and smart throughout the whole thing if we want to do well."

TIP: LADY WARRIORS have played East recently, and actually did quite well at home against the Lancers. But Gagich was upset at the loss against Collinsville, East and Belleville West because of a shortage of competitiveness in some of the games.

Granite City (13-8-1) is coming off a three-game win over Alton, a team it demolished at home two weeks ago. The Lady Warriors' play at home and on the road has been like night and day recently.

"The crowds have been there, they've been loud, and they've helped us a lot," Gagich said. "They are a big help, but we have to learn how to take that intensity on the road with us."

THE SCORES OF the Alton match were 15-3, 11-15 and 15-3. GCHS cruised through the first game, then suffered a let-down before getting its act together for the final game.

The Lady Warriors will tune up for the Freeburg Tournament with a home match against the Collinsville Lady Hawks at Memorial Gymnasium. The Lady Warriors played one of their poorer games against Collinsville (See LADY WARRIORS, Page 38)

Trivial matters

1. Brees Central ended crosstown rival Mater Dei's volleyball winning streak at 86 matches last month. Which school holds the state record for consecutive match wins?

2. Belleville West volleyball coach Charles Rodman recently reached his 500th career win with the Maroons. Which Illinois coach is the state's all-time leader in victories?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

IAF baseball tryouts

The International Athletic Foundation will be holding baseball tryouts for athletes ages 11-12 on Oct. 22 at the West End Khoury League Complex in Belleville. Athletes invited to participate on this select team will travel to Hawaii to play in the Kauai Invitational Baseball Tournament from July 21-28, 1996. Last year the IAF team placed third in the 11-12 division. The age cutoff date is July 21, 1996.

For more information, call Jim Turner at 286-3196 or 645-5496.



Coming up

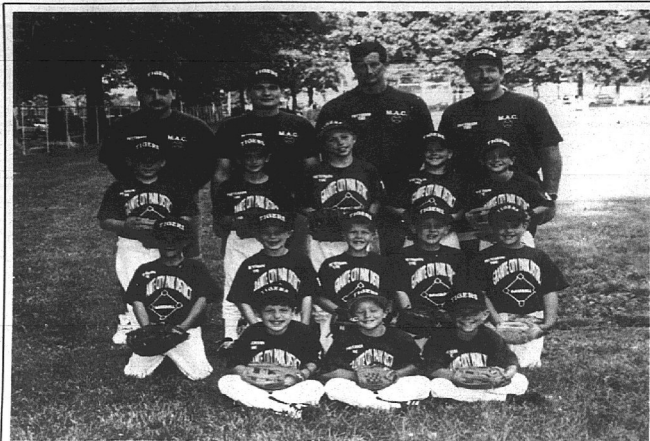
SWC meet

Tom Hatley (left) and the Warriors will travel to Belleville Area College for Friday's Southwestern Conference cross country meet.

Trivia answers

1. Chicago Mother McAuley won 135 straight matches from 1979-83.
2. Mater Dei's Fred Rakers (544).

Stats 'n stuff



Playoff champs — The Patterson Tire Tigers finished as league co-champions and playoff champions with a 13-1 record in Granite City Park District play. The Tigers defeated Pontoine Title 16-13 in their first playoff game and the Legal Eagles 5-4 for the title. Members of the team include (front row from left) Mikey Basarich, Alex Harding, Shawn Graville; second row, Jeffrey Carney, Austin Wagoner, Bradley Peach, T.J. Nance, Jake Patterson; third row, Nathan Whit, Travis Tyler, Alex Kwiatkowski, Kyle Worthen, Matt Smith; back row, coaches Joe Basarich, Steve Smith, Darrell Tyler, Tom Nance. Not pictured: Dillon Wesley, coach/sponsor Brian Patterson.

Sports shorts

Coolidge 8th-graders 2-1
After three weeks, the Coolidge 8th grade football team is 2-1 on the season. The Braves lost their opener at Edwardsville against a talented Tiger squad.

Coolidge led on two Ryan Stagner TDs until late in the fourth quarter, when the Tigers scored and went ahead on a 3-point conversion.

Coolidge won its first game at home 24-8 against East Alton. Scoring for Coolidge in that game were Stagner, Fred Boyram and Tim Dawes. Stagner scored twice, and Dawes scored on a pass from quarterback Ty Suhre.

Coolidge turned in a solid team effort last week at Bethalto with a 34-6 win. Scoring in that game were Josh Selb and Justin Roehr, who caught a Suhre pass for a touchdown. Also scoring were Fred Boyram on a long kickoff return, while Stagner again finished with two touchdowns.

The offensive line of Eric Kambarian, Nick Garcia, Travis Skoleand, George Kirgan, A.J. Johnsons, Bob Hicks and Jason Rainwater has been doing a fine job, said coach Rick Ty Suhre.

Also excelling has been the defensive line, which includes Carl Hozian, Jason Dickerson, Greg Avants, Pat Jarman and Matt Ward.

The Braves were scheduled to play Roxana at home

Wednesday.

Gateway fast-pitch tourney

The 12th annual Gateway Classic girls' fast-pitch tournament will be held Oct. 27-29 at Johnny Mac's Sports Complex in Valley Park, Mo.

The cost per team is \$150, and there is a five-game guarantee. For more information, call Wayne at 314-227-4956.

Men's basketball leagues

The Granite City Park District men's basketball leagues are now being formed. The leagues will be played on Wednesday and Thursdays at Grigsby Junior High and Prather Elementary Schools.

The starting date for the program is Nov. 15. The entry fee is \$200 per team and can be paid at the Wilson Park office. For more information, call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

Coe volleyball league

The Granite City Park District is planning a Coed volleyball league to be played Monday evenings at 7 p.m. The leagues will be played at Coolidge Junior High.

Entry fees for the program are \$150 per team plus \$25 for non-residents. Registration is being taken through Oct. 13. The league will begin play on Nov. 6.

For more information, call the Wilson Park office at

877-3059.

Select teams forming

The Southwest Select Soccer Club will be forming two new select travel teams. Tryouts will be held 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Collinsville Sports Complex near the field closest to Ramon's Restaurant.

All players should bring a copy of their birth certificate, social security number, headshot photo, water, shin guards and a soccer ball. Teams forming include a Under-8 girls team, for girls born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988. For more information, or in case of rain, call 344-7255.

Renegades softball tryouts

The Renegades, a Belleville area 14-under girls select fast-pitch softball team, will hold tryouts soon to complete their roster for a 35-plus-game schedule.

Players cannot be 15 before Sept. 1, 1996. For more information, call 234-8814.

IAF softball tourney

The International Athletic Foundation will be holding a girls fast-pitch softball tournament for 13- and 14-year-olds.

The tournament will be held Oct. 13-15 for the 13-14 age group. The cost is \$175 per team. Four games are guaranteed for each team. For more information, call 387-9839, or Jim Turner at 286-3196.

By the numbers

Journal Writers' Poll Football

Large schools

1. Hazelwood East (6-0).....40
2. Parkway South (6-0).....35
3. Hazelwood Central (6-0).....31
4. O'Fallon (7-0).....27
5. Parkway North (6-0).....23
6. Edwardsville (7-0).....21
7. Mehlville (5-1).....17
8. CBC (6-0).....13
9. Cahokia (7-0).....9
10. SLUH (5-1).....5

Also receiving votes: Hazelwood West, Northwest.
Number in parentheses indicates last week's ranking.

Small schools

1. MCDs (5-0).....39
2. Althoff (6-1).....34
3. Mercersburg (6-0).....33
4. Priory (5-1).....28
5. (Ho) Hillsboro (3-3).....14
6. (Ho) Wainey (4-2).....14
7. Waterloo (6-1).....13
8. Brentwood (4-2).....12
9. Duchesne (4-2).....10
10. Freeburg (5-2).....7

Also receiving votes: Pacific, Lutheran South, Principia, Mater Dei, Orchard Farm.
Number in parentheses indicates last week's ranking.

Southwestern Conference

Team	W	L	T	Overall
East St. Louis	2	0	4	3
Collinsville	2	1	2	5
Belleville West	1	2	1	6
Granite City	1	2	1	6
Alton	0	3	1	6

Friday, Oct. 6
East St. Louis 35, Alton 9
Francis Howell North 41, Belleville West 6

Friday, Oct. 13
Alton at Granite City, 7:30 p.m.
Belleville West at Belleville East, 7:30

Saturday, Oct. 14
Collinsville at O'Fallon, 1
East St. Louis at Granite City at East St. Louis, 1

Cahokia Conference

Team	W	L	T	Overall
Waterloo	5	0	6	1
Carlyle	5	1	6	1
Freeburg	2	3	3	4
Breese Central	2	3	3	4
Dupo	1	4	2	5
Columbia	1	4	2	5
Red Bud	0	5	0	7

Friday, Oct. 6
Dupo 27, Columbia 9
Waterloo 23, Carlyle 20
Central 35, Red Bud 9

Mississippi Valley Conference

Team	W	L	T	Overall
Highland	3	1	6	1
Civil Memorial	3	1	5	2
Triad	3	2	5	2
Jerseyville	2	2	3	4
Roxana	1	3	1	6
Wood River	0	5	2	5

Friday, Oct. 6
Roxana 41, Jerseyville 35
Mascoutah 14, Wood River 6

Triad Conference

Team	W	L	T	Overall
Triad	3	1	6	1
Jerseyville	3	2	5	2
Roxana	1	3	1	6
Wood River	0	5	2	5

Friday, Oct. 6
Roxana 41, Jerseyville 35
Mascoutah 14, Wood River 6



GCHS senior Mark Mendenhall drives with the ball past Belleville East's Andy Brunner during play last week at the Tournament of Champions.

Freeburg 7, Orchard Farm (Mo.) 0
Friday, Oct. 13
Breese Central at Dupo, 7:30

Waterloo at Columbia, 7:30
Carlyle at Christopher, 7:30
Freeburg at Red Bud, 7:30

Mississippi Valley Conference
Team W L T Overall
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Mascoutah 14, Wood River 6

Edwardsville 49, Mount Vernon 14
Sikeston (Mo.) 28, Marion 6
O'Fallon 44, Carbondale 16

Saturday, Oct. 7
Cahokia 41, East St. Louis Lincoln 19

Friday, Oct. 13
Edwardsville at Cahokia, 7:30
Carbondale at Mount Vernon, 7:30
Marion at Centralia, 7:30

Saturday, Oct. 14
Collinsville at O'Fallon, 1

Independents
Team W L T Overall
Edwardsville 7 0 0
SLUH 7 0 0
Althoff 6 1 1
Metro East Lutheran 1 3 1

Friday, Oct. 6
Edwardsville 49, Mount Vernon 14

Saturday, Oct. 7
Cahokia 41, East St. Louis Lincoln 19
Althoff 35, Beaumont 6

Hamilton 35, Metro East Lutheran 6

Friday, Oct. 13
Edwardsville at Cahokia, 7:30

Saturday, Oct. 14
East St. Louis at East St. Louis Lincoln, 1
Poplar Bluff (Mo.) at Althoff, 7:30

Rams Express

Rams Express Bus Service for the 1995 NFL season will continue today, Thursday, in Madison County from the Alton and Edwardsville areas. Buses will take fans directly to Busch Stadium or the Trans World Dome. A one-way fare is \$1.25 and round-trip fare is \$2.50.

The route and schedule for the Edwardsville/Collinsville Rams Express is:

Game time:	Noon	3 p.m.	7 p.m.
Express departs:			
2nd-High, Edw	10:10 a.m.	1:10 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
Cottonwood Mall	10:25 a.m.	1:25 a.m.	5:25 p.m.
Mryl Park-Ride	10:40 a.m.	1:40 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
Gateway Center	10:55 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	5:55 p.m.
Arrive at Stadium	11:15 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	6:15 p.m.

The Rams 1995 home schedule and competing teams follow:

✓ Thursday, Oct. 12 — Atlanta, 7 p.m., Busch Stadium.
✓ Sunday, Oct. 22 — San Francisco, noon, Trans World Dome.

✓ Sunday, Nov. 12 — Carolina, noon, Trans World Dome.
✓ Sunday, Dec. 10 — Buffalo, noon, Trans World Dome.

✓ Sunday, Dec. 17 — Washington, noon, Trans World Dome.
✓ Sunday, Dec. 24 — Miami, 3 p.m., Trans World Dome.

Rams Express buses leaving Busch Stadium after the game to return to Madison County will be parked in the lot south of the stadium between Spruce and Poplar.

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Wright

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said she still has some things to work on.

"I STILL NEED to work on my hitting," she said. "I hit the ball OK, but I don't drive it like I could. I just don't snap down like I need to. I have to get that quick arm motion right when I hit the ball."

Wright has also been an inspirational leader for the Lady Warriors. Gagich said when the older players have recently slipped in intensity, Wright has been there to pick her teammates up.

But Wright said she couldn't have done as well this year without her teammates.

"Willie (Jennifer Willis) has helped me a lot," Wright said. "There are a couple of leaders on the team, and Denise (McMillan) is another one of those; she's helped me a lot, too. But I relate to Willie more because we play the same position. But it's Denise that's giving me the sets, too."

THAT ATTITUDE SEEMS to be the focal point of the entire team. Despite a Jekyll-and-Hyde performance record, the Lady Warriors all respect each other and have fun together. That translates into chemistry.

"I just have a lot of fun playing on this team," Wright said. "They are all good athletes, and we seem to get along together. We're all the best of friends, and everybody likes each other. We do have a good chemistry, I think."

And as far as the team's competitive nature?

"I KNOW THE desire is there," Wright said. "We really want to beat them (the opposition). Sometimes at the end of games, if we get behind or something, we get it in our minds that we can't come back and do it — yet we know we can, if we just stay focused."



Heads up — Granite City senior Justin McMillan leads over a pair of defenders to head the ball.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Gundaker captures Tri-City feature

Joe Kosiski made it in time to compete in the race, but the end Kevin Gundaker made the most of his time.

Gundaker, of St. Charles, Mo., used his extensive experience at Tri-City Speedway to capture the 50-lap United States Modified Series Octoberfest Nationals feature Saturday night.

THE WELL-RECEIVED win by Gundaker was worth over \$2,500, and it occurred in his first-ever appearance in the series.

Gundaker, who has numerous wins at the half-mile oval, started the feature event on the front row, which helped him to take the lead at the drop of the green flag. He was immediately pressured by the top two drivers in the current USMS points standings — Kelly Shroyck and John Allen.

The three drivers formed a freight train as they circled the track nose to tail, with Gundaker holding a slim lead after 20 laps. With a \$500

bonus going to the leader at the halfway point, Gundaker began to stretch his lead on lap 22. He crossed the stripe in first place after lap 23, collecting the bonus, as drivers stopped for refueling at that point.

One of the main featured drivers at the race was Kosiski, who entered the event last week. Kosiski normally competes in the late model division, but has driven modifieds many times in the past. Kosiski has captured over 250 wins in his storied career.

AFTER THE BREAK, Gundaker again moved out to the lead, but he could not pull away from the field. Both Shroyck and Allen challenged, but each attempt was fought off by Gundaker.

While those three were battling, Kosiski was methodically picking off cars from his 17th starting position. Kosiski was fourth by the 27th lap, and Allen for third on lap 36. His charge continued as

he disposed of Shroyck on lap 43.

Without the benefit of a caution flag, Kosiski slowly began cutting into Gundaker's lead. By lap 46 he was on his bumper, and on lap 49 Kosiski swooped by Gundaker in turn two. Kosiski was unable to hold his car low on the race track however, and found Gundaker sneaking back in front as the two raced under the checkered flag.

Kosiski settled for second place, which was worth \$1,200, and in the process collected the \$100 AFCC Fast Advance Award for passing the most cars during the race.

SHROYCK PLACED THIRD, and all but clinched the USMS championship with two events left. Allen followed in fourth place, and Kerry Norris finished fifth.

Nearly 60 cars from seven states took part in the event. Plans are under way for the second running of the race in 1996.

Sectional

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games in the first set, the teams were tied at two games each.

"Coaches in the area know that Marci and Geeta are talented," Ames said. "You could tell the East coach and the players were concerned. A lot of people know now that they are a dangerous doubles team."

Ames added that Kumar is the more unpolished player, and competes by simply running everything down and hitting everything back over the net. That meshes well with Holinger's polished, disciplined style.

Holinger probably has the better serve, but Kumar has an extra spark of determination.

"They both have that quali-

'Coaches in the area know that Marci and Geeta are talented...A lot of people know now that they are a dangerous doubles team.'

— Linda Ames
GCHS coach

ty," Ames said. "But Geeta seems to be able to keep Marci mentally up during a match."

Since the Wood River match will not be made up, Granite City finishes the regular sea-

son at 5-7 in dual competition. Now Ames is looking toward this weekend.

"Really, besides West, the sectional is not as strong as it could have been," Ames said. "I feel that Marci and Geeta should really get a three or four seed. I'd be disappointed if they didn't — they've earned that."

"If so, they wouldn't have to face the West girls until the semifinals, and that should be enough to get them to state. I'm sure West will put on a clinic. But Marci and Geeta have been playing well, and hopefully they can continue that."

"All of the work and practice and lessons over the years all builds up to this point. If they make it to state, and do well up there, that's what will make it possible."

Lady Warriors

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last month.

"The kids were up for the

Belleville game more than they were for Collinsville, and you can't do that," Gagich said. "Any team on any night can beat you."

If the Lady Warriors want to finish third in the Southwest Conference, they must beat Collinsville tonight. To finish behind only the two Belleville

schools was one of Granite City's main objectives at the start of the year.

Granite City is already winding down its season, with only one regular-season game (vs. Cahokia) remaining before the Class AA regionals begin Oct. 24.

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IP team is winner in 'gas rodeo'

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Installing a gas meter doesn't sound like fun, but for an Illinois Power team from Granite City, their job skills helped them win first place in a national gas rodeo.

The team — Ed Streicher, Jerry Petrillo, Walter Alford and Joe Smith — received the top overall score in the rodeo, held Saturday at IP's training center in Decatur.

Ten teams from Illinois, Montana, Colorado, Iowa and Tennessee participated in what IP spokesman John Dewey said they hope becomes a yearly event.

"Companies have held their own rodeos, but this is the first time teams from around the country have competed," he said.

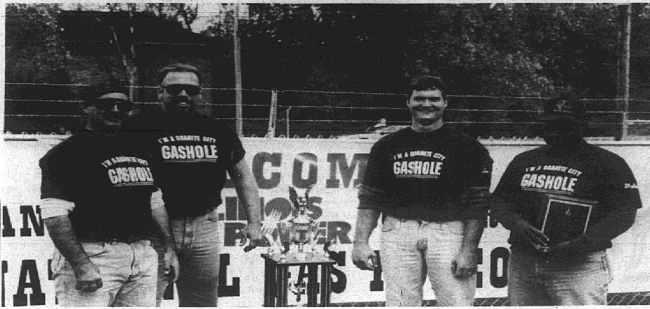
IP has hosted its own rodeo for the past two years.

"We've been thinking about holding a national event for some time," said Dick Barton, coordinator of the national rodeo. "We hope this event grows in popularity each year."

"We already have about 25 gas utilities asking about participating in a national event next year," he said.

Contests included:

- Installing a new gas meter.
- Making making a six-inch pipe cut.
- Opening and closing a 10-inch gate valve — requiring 66 turns each way.
- Hand digging and filling a three-by-four-foot box.
- A relay that includes picking up an egg with a backhoe, picking up a softball with a trencher and placing it



Jerry Petrillo, Ed Streicher, Joe Smith and Walter Alford were members of Granite City's first-place team.

"We've been thinking about holding a national event for some time. We hope this event grows in popularity each year."

— Dick Barton
Event coordinator

In a garbage can, and emptying a cup of water using only teeth.

Streicher, a gas foreman, said the Granite City team had 2 1/2 days to get ready.

Much of that time was trying to cut the time on their pipe cut.

"We shaved 13 seconds off

our time (to 35 seconds)," he said.

They lost to the Colorado team, which had a time of 24.9 seconds.

"I have no idea how they could do it that fast," he said.

"I'm waiting to get the video to see how they did it."

He said the competition was

"great" and gave gas workers a chance to show up the "sparkies."

"It gives us a chance to showcase what we can do," he said.

To pick up the egg, Streicher said a spoon was taped to the claw of a backhoe, and the operator had to pick the egg up off of an 18-inch pile of sand, swing the bucket, and place the egg in a welding cap.

Public Service of Colorado placed second, while another IP team from Champaign placed third.

The rodeo was co-sponsored by companies that serve the national gas industry.

Mall begins valet service

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

Shoppers who do not cherish walking to their cars on big parking lots with lots of packages and without a sense of security at area shopping malls can treat themselves to a valet service that kicked off Friday at St. Clair Square.

St. Clair Valet, operated by partners Bradley Bovinette and James Allison of Belleville, will provide the service during all shopping hours at the mall for \$2.

Bovinette said he got the idea after talking to friends in Minneapolis and Palm Springs where valet services are common.

"It just had not caught on here," Bovinette said. "But it's a service I think should catch fire and that the public can use, especially in the St. Louis climate. We hope to make it a permanent fixture."

Shoppers will drive their vehicles to an area of the mall parking lot between Famous-Barr and Dillard's. Valets will take the vehicle and park it in a particular section of the lot. Bovinette said St. Clair Square officials were receptive to the idea and wasted little time looking at projections on who might use the service.

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Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

ALLEN, Godfrey, 69, of Granite City died at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, at his residence. Services were Tuesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Linda Shugert. Burial in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County, Alcoholics Anonymous, the American Cancer Society.

DOWDY, Ima M. (Cartwright), 70, of Granite City died at 12:47 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, at her residence. Services were Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Greg Dickerman. Burial in Woodland Hills Cemetery, East Alton.

Memorials to American Cancer Society.

EVANS, Violet L. (Slay), 87, of Granite City died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 1995, at Hitz Home, Alhambra. Services were Saturday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Rose Hermonat. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ, Granite City.

HARRIS, Ethelbert "Bert," 58, of Granite City died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 1995, at his residence. Services were Wednesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Terry Watson. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials to Hospice

of Southern Illinois Inc.

JACKSON, Della Arnetta (Miller), 65, of Madison, formerly of Taylorville, Ill., died at 2:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were Monday at Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home, Madison, by the Rev. Max Wood. Burial in McInosh Cemetery, Enfield, Ill.

MUNZERT, Harvey C., 88, of St. Louis died Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Louis. Services were Tuesday at Matney Funeral Home, Edwardsville, by the Rev. Gerald Senn. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

PRATT, Marjorie P. (Lynch), 73, of Granite City died at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday,

Oct. 4, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Saturday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Howard Carter. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Wellness Center, Granite City.

VALENCIA, Anna (Stranks), 87, of Granite City died at 3:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 1995, at University Manor, Edwardsville. A memorial Mass was held Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Masses or Holy Family Catholic Church.

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Underground Railroad tour draws to capacity

The area's first motor coach tour of the Underground Railroad was a sellout.

"We were at capacity, which was 44," coordinator Georgette Walker said of Sunday's tour. "It was a beautiful day and our tour went wonderfully well."

Walker is sales manager of the Greater Alton/Twin Rivers Convention and Visitors Bureau, which sponsored the tour in conjunction with the Alton Museum of History and Art's Black Pioneers Committee, the Jersey County Historical Society, Brighton Heritage Group and Brighton Heritage Museum.

The River Bend is rich in sites connected to the Underground Railroad, a network of places and people that helped slaves escape bondage by fleeing north, usually at night.

"I'd say 60 percent of our passengers were real staunch history buffs. They knew their stuff," Walker said.

One of the tourists was a St. Louisan employed by the U.S. Parks Department, Walker said. "She goes all over the United States taking these kinds of trips and she was impressed with our tour," Walker said.

The tour retraced some of

the routes historians believe were traveled by slaves, many of whom crossed the Mississippi River at Alton from neighboring Missouri, which was a slave state.

Although Illinois was a free state, the Underground Railroad and secrecy were crucial because some Illinoisans were against the abolition of slavery and the public was hostile to escaping slaves in many areas.

Tour guides were Grace Monroe and Eric Robinson of Alton, June Wilderman of Brighton and Gene Prosser of Jerseyville.

Tour sites included Rock House in Upper Alton, Enos Apartments in Alton, the Black Pioneers Room in Koenig House in Alton, Rocky Fork Church in Godfrey, the Josiah White cabin near Jerseyville, Hamilton School in Ottumville and Cheney House in Jerseyville.

People already are signed up to take the tour when it is repeated in February.

"We have 40 already waiting," Walker said. "I'm hoping to have eight to 10 tours in February, which is Black History Month. Some may be in the evening."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Veterans' benefit set

By Mike Viola
Staff writer

Each year members of the Don Lindley Memorial Foundation hold a motorcycle ride and car show to raise funds for sick veterans.

Now the organization is starting a new benefit to raise additional funds.

Rummage-O-Rama will be held Oct. 13, 14 and 15 and will involve the collection of used clothes.

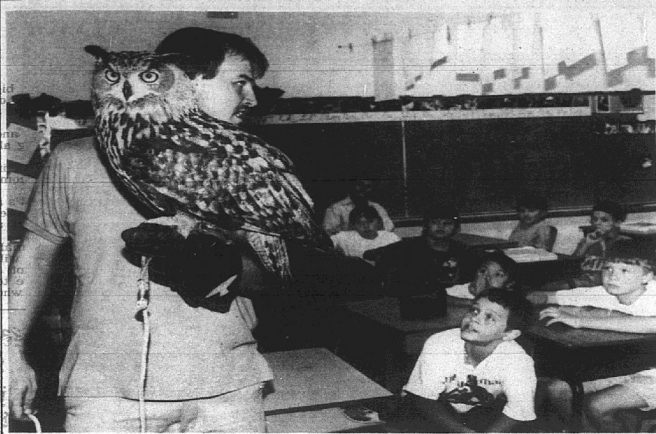
"We will get a certain amount of money for each bag that we collect and then we will use the money to help out another veteran's family," said Mary Dodson, secretary for the foundation.

All types of clothes can be donated during for the event, including shoes, belts and other accessories.

The organization that purchases the clothes then fixes and cleans the items and sells the clothing at a nominal charge to financially troubled people.

Presently two sites have been designated for drop off of clothing, the Schnucks Supermarket on Camp Jackson Road in Cahokia and the Schnucks on North Illinois Street in Swansea.

Donations can be made any time after 9 a.m. on Oct. 13 through the evening of Oct. 15.



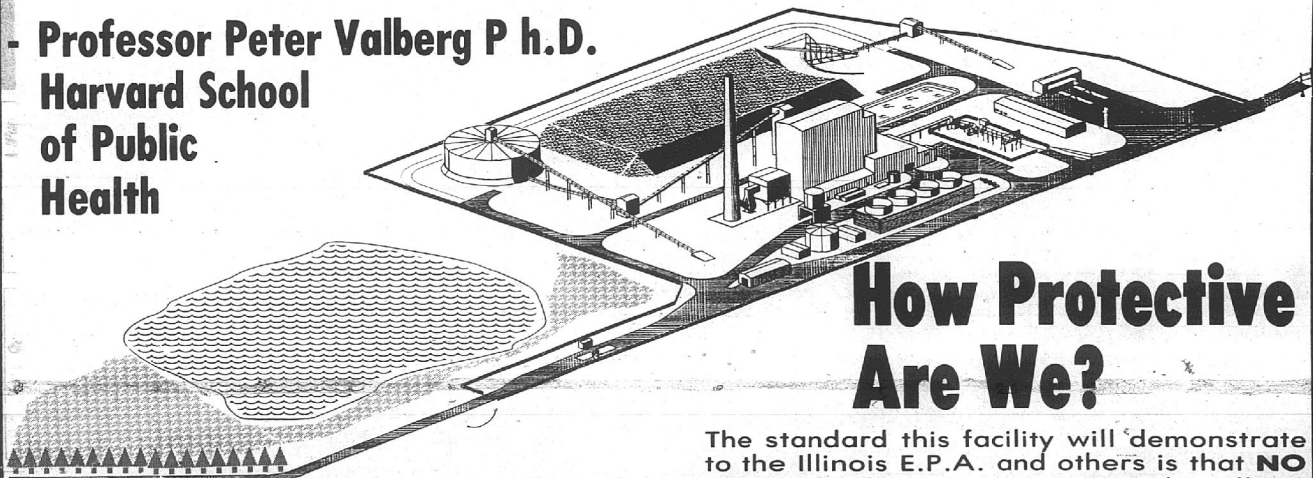
Bird lesson — At left, Joe Hoffmann of the World Bird Sanctuary in Eureka, Mo., shows a Eurasian Eagle Owl named Caution to the students in Dot Bailey's fourth-grade class at Marshall School in Granite City. The breed is the largest of the species, and Caution weighs about seven pounds. Below left, Hoffmann shows the class an Eastern Screech Owl named Magic. Below right, Marshall School fourth grader Melissa Jensen watches intently during the presentation. Magic is fully grown, with his breed being one of the smallest. Hoffmann works with World Bird Sanctuary, an organization devoted to preserving wild birds and promoting their conservation through education.



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Thursday, Oct. 12
The Gemini lunar aspect (trine) of Mercury in judicious Libra gives special luck to interviews and all quests of an exploratory nature. The final decision will be handed down later, so don't worry. Now, it's more important to put your most sporty foot forward and be an enthusiastic team player. Love is exceptional — you and your lover feel lively, albeit childish.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be frugal even where small amounts of money are concerned. You hit it off beautifully with your spouse's or lover's family. Unforeseen circumstances delay a romantic interlude. A colleague or employer is evasive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even a brief visit with family



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members is satisfying. Older relatives are reluctant to try something new. An outing with your spouse or lover leads to passionate romance. Stretch a paycheck as far as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are instrumental in securing a job opportunity for

a friend. A would-be lover refuses to take no for an answer. Literature written to promote a cause is extremely persuasive. You receive money from relatives.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A reunion with your spouse or lover is filled with romance and passion. Take advantage of an opportunity to get better acquainted with a relative. Your employer covers travel expenses. Pick out a gift for a child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A relative's or colleague's suggestion turns out to be just the ticket. Be especially solicitous of a tired spouse or lover. Sacrifice a personal preference in order to get along with a group. You receive a check.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 12). Your competition is a bit

intimidated when you appear on the scene once again. Higher-ups entrust delicate operations to you in December. Refuse to back down in February. You receive a windfall in April. Swinging singles may prefer to settle down when they meet their soul mates in June or August.

MARRIAGE (March or May). Your luckiest month is January. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The admiration of colleagues or co-workers is nothing compared to your inner sense of satisfaction. Demand an explanation from your lover, who has been remiss. A financial obligation comes due.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A proud friend or relative refuses your aid — stick around just in case, however. Your spouse or a colleague

helps you get a special discount. You receive news from an unlikely person. Romance heats up tonight. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Try to sympathize with your sensitive spouse or lover. Employers promise you a financial bonus in return for the completion of a tricky assignment. You begin learning a new sport or skill. Plan a family excursion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Keep a promise to a former colleague or schoolmate. A spouse or lover is more demanding than usual. Advise a less-experienced co-worker or relative on money matters. Don't give in to peer pressure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A change in your regular routine is temporarily

disorienting. Your lover welcomes you with open arms. You reach an educational goal in the nick of time. Financial worries are resolved. Set a good example for a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Extend an invitation to a new friend. You've been chomping at the bit lately — liberate yourself from an old restriction. Someone who owes you money is a bit late in repaying you. Rediscover romance tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A love interest is blown away by your insight and intuition. Play it safe on the job today, however — seek proof rather than relying on a hunch. Consider the financial implications of an educational opportunity.

Action movie fans will get a kick out of 'Assassins'

Producer Joel Silver and director Richard Donner, masters of the ultra-violent, have been to the well so many times that their films now have the "been-there, done-that" look.

These are the men who gave you the "Lethal Weapon" trilogy, and Silver produced the three "Die Hard" action hits.

Now they collaborate on a Sylvester Stallone vehicle, "Assassins," with the obligatory car chases, explosions, cold-blooded killings and macho challenges. Even the plot is borrowed: the Western formula in which the brash young gunslinger comes to town hellbent to dethrone the legendary desperado who is trying to go straight.

In "Assassins," Stallone is challenged by

madman Antonio Banderas, who turns out to be the film's best asset. With his quicksilver moves, mischief-filled eyes and unruly hair, he creates a fascinating portrait of a No. 1 contract-killer wannabe.

Stallone has been at the top of the assassination profession for a long time — too long, he has concluded. He continues getting big-money assignments from the bosses at the other end of his laptop, but depression about his tasks shows in his hangdog face. And his timing is a bit off.

Banderas and Stallone meet in a cemetery at the funeral of a notorious figure; both have contracts to kill the mourning, much-guarded brother of the deceased. The new kid wins the

contest, and the rivalry is declared.

They meet again in a Seattle hotel for a case involving a computer disk. What's on the disk is unclear, but a lot of people want it. The seller is Julianne Moore, who is just as shady as the two killers. She makes a handsome living selling secrets to international buyers.

The Seattle episode leaves a body count of two Interpol agents and four Dutch buyers and makes uneasy allies of Stallone and Moore.

They decide to sell the disk to the highest buyer, picking a Caribbean island for the transaction. Banderas follows them, of course, and sets up the O.K. Corral climax.

Action fans will find plenty to engage them in "Assassins" and will no doubt welcome back

Stallone to what he does best. Julianne Moore performs her duties with skill.

But it is the two-gun Banderas who contributes the most electricity. When Stallone hesitates at shooting Moore, Banderas counsels slyly: "Woman — it's not the same as killing a man. You have to pull the trigger a different way."

The billing on the Warner Bros. release should give the Producers Guild fits; no less than 11 producers appear in various categories. The writers are Andy and Larry Wachowski and Brian Koppelman. The rating is R. Running time: 132 minutes.

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Stallone is subway savior

From the depths of a 1,600-foot-long New York subway tunnel reproduced on a studio set, Sylvester Stallone began Tuesday filming his new movie "Daylight."

Stallone's \$80-million movie, produced by Raffaella De Laurentiis, will be filmed almost exclusively in Rome because of more spacious and less-costly production areas than in most American studios.

"The 'Cliffhanger' experience was so good that I thought it was a good idea to come back here to play this movie," Stallone told reporters. "Cliffhanger," Stallone's 1993 movie, was also partly filmed in Rome.

In the upcoming movie, Stallone plays Kit Larus, a former emergency medical service chief who tries to rescue the survivors of an explosion

which seals two ends of a subway tunnel.

Stallone apologized for his repetitive hero-type roles. "I feel better in this kind of situation," he said.

"In this movie I have the possibly to develop this character at the psychological point of view, combining action and drama," Stallone added.

— Associated Press

Adelines to celebrate 50 years

Sweet Adelines International, a non-profit musical education association for women, celebrates its fifth year in New Orleans Oct. 12-21 with special

events planned at their International Quartet and Chorus Competition.

Sweet Adelines was founded in Tulsa, Okla., in 1945 and endows its almost 30,000 members with mastery of four-part harmony, barbershop style. The mission of this worldwide organization, with 600 plus choruses in North America and 12 other countries, is to advance the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performances.

Performances and competitions develop members' confidence and pride in their achievements. Sweet Adelines perpetuates barbershop music one of the only four forms of music native to the United States; the others are Dixieland Jazz, the Cowboy Song and the American spiritual.

Sweet Adeline choruses regu-

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